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**ROSENBERG AMENDMENT ADDS \$5.5 MILLION  
TO EDUCATION RESERVE FUND**

State Senator Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst) announced today that he was successful in his effort to add \$5.5 million to the Senate's budget for the Foundation Reserve Fund, an account that helps school districts meet unanticipated expenses.

In addition to the \$5.5 million, Rosenberg's amendment also expands the reach of the fund, known as "pothole money" because it helps schools fill holes in their budgets, to include rural schools with declining enrollments and districts that are facing transitional costs associated with switching to the state's Group Insurance Commission plan.

"The Senate had planned on eliminating this account until today," Rosenberg said. "I'm pleased that my colleagues now appreciate just how important this account can be for schools in distress, for rural schools, like many in Franklin County, that are seeing a drop in student population, and for those districts that are opting in to the GIC, a move state government is encouraging. Keeping this account is simply the right thing to do, and I'm glad the Senate has done it."