

CARDIN, MIKULSKI ANNOUNCE \$20,000 FOR ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senators **Benjamin L. Cardin** and **Barbara A. Mikulski** (both D-Md.) today announced the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) has awarded a \$20,000 grant to the Allegany County Board of Education to purchase new laboratory equipment for elementary and middle school science kits.

“Education is the cornerstone of the American Dream, and training in science and technology is essential to high-paying, high quality jobs that will drive the future of America’s economy and development,” said Senator Cardin. “I will continue to support programs like this that will provide Marylanders and all Americans with the knowledge and expertise for success in the 21st Century.”

Senator Mikulski said, “Right now, our nation is in an amazing race – a race for discovery and new knowledge. This federal investment will help foster students’ interest in science and lead to breakthroughs in technology that will create new products and new jobs. Education is the engine of an innovation economy, and I’m proud that this funding will keep Maryland students engaged in the careers of their future.”

The science kits will be used by 42 elementary teachers and 20 middle school teachers in Allegany County to teach nearly 3,000 students advanced physics concepts before they reach high school. The kits include a motion sensor, electronic sensors and other equipment that can be connected to computers for recording and analysis. In an effort to improve students’ success in the sciences, the Allegany County Board of Education has provided training to teachers in the use of electronic laboratory equipment.

The ARC is a federal-state partnership that works with the people of Appalachia to create opportunities for self-sustaining economic development and improved quality of life.

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