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“The funding Farrell is receiving as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will help it finance much-needed improvements that will benefit students for years to come,” Altmire said. “If we are going to succeed in getting America’s economy back on track, we have to make sure that schools in Farrell and all across the country have the resources they need to help every student reach their full potential.”

“I want to thank Congressman Altmire for his work in securing these critical dollars for our school districts, including the Farrell Area School District,” State Representative Mark Longietti said. “Our young people represent the future of our community and investing in student achievement represents one of the best ways to support long-term economic development in our valley.”

Local school district officials have a wide degree of autonomy in deciding how best to use the funds they are receiving as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Farrell school district officials are currently evaluating a number of different proposals, including upgrading the schools' libraries with new materials, technology and surrounding; creating a new position to enhance the inclusion of special education students; hiring coaches to work directly with students towards the advancement of PSSA scores; lowering class sizes in critical curriculum areas; and upgrading school facilities to improve school safety and security. Any final decisions for how to use this money will be approved by the school board.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is an economic recovery package supported by Congressman Altmire that is helping to revive America's economy by cutting taxes and creating jobs through investments in infrastructure, education, and other initiatives vital to America's long-term growth.