

LI schools win grants

4 districts to get about \$200,000 to \$1.2M in aid

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Four Long Island school districts are among 38 statewide awarded more than \$28 million in federal grant money to boost student achievement and provide safe schools.

The Amityville, Brentwood, Mattituck-Cutchogue and Valley Stream 30 school districts will each get amounts ranging from about \$200,000 to more than \$1.2 million, according to an announcement Tuesday by state Education Department Commissioner MaryEllen Elia.

The Student Support and Academic Enrichment grants, newly

authorized under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, are designed to help build state and local capacity to improve academic achievement, state educators said. The state Education Department awarded the federal funds after reviewing proposals by districts that had applied.

"These grants provide flexible funding to districts, so they can decide where the money can best be used," said Board of Regents Chancellor Betty A. Rosa.

"These grants have the potential to make our students healthier and safer, more well-rounded, and more tech-savvy," Elia said. The department awarded grants under three headings: Well-Rounded Educational Opportunities; Safe and Healthy Students; and Effective Use of Technology.

Mattituck-Cutchogue officials said Tuesday that the \$203,522 awarded to the 1,100-student

North Fork district will help them greatly enhance their world-languages curriculum.

"One of our district goals and the goal of the grant is to have more students achieve the biliteracy designation on their high school diploma," said Superintendent Anne Smith.

The Amityville district received \$889,241 and the Valley Stream 30 district received \$426,581 — both to improve the effective use of technology.

Mary T. Kelly, Amityville superintendent, said the grant will enable the district to fully support college and career readiness.

Roxanne Garcia France, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction at Valley Stream District 30, said its grant will allow the school system to increase access to personalized learning experiences supported by technology. The effort will include coaching staff on how to

create effective digital-age learning environments, she said.

Brentwood is getting the largest grant on the Island, \$1,252,164, under the content area of safe and healthy students. District officials there were unavailable for comment Tuesday.

Districts that receive grant awards must prioritize funding to schools based on one or more of the following criteria: The schools must be among those with the greatest needs (as determined by the district); have the highest percentages of low-income students; be identified for comprehensive support and improvement; have consistently underperforming subgroups of students; or be identified as a persistently dangerous school, as defined by a measure that looks back at two years of data on incidents of violence.

Grant funding runs through September 2019.

Clouds, some rain forecast— then the heat's on

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The end of the week may be set to introduce hot and humid conditions, but Wednesday was looking to bring increasing cloud cover on Long Island, with temperatures rising to the mid-70s or so, forecasters say.

Chances of showers and thunderstorms from a slow-moving system enter the picture overnight Wednesday and through the day Thursday, when temperatures rise to the upper 70s.

"Unsettled conditions will overspread the entire region Wednesday night into Thursday," the National Weather Service's Upton office said in its late-afternoon Tuesday regional summary. Also, "temperatures will be warmer, with noticeably higher humidity."

At this point, "summer heat moves in," said Rich Hoffman, News 12 Long Island meteorologist.

"The main story Friday to Tuesday will be the very warm to hot weather" for the tristate area, the weather service said. That's thanks to "a deep layered ridge" of high pressure building up over the area.

Temperatures for much of



Nora Pearce, 19 months, gets some splash time in Long Island Sound with mom Naomi Pearce.



Long Island on Friday and Saturday were forecast to head up to high 80s, well above the norm for those days at Long Island MacArthur Airport, which is 80 degrees. Areas of the Island closer to New York City were expected to hit 90

or so, with the East End looking at the low to mid-80s.

That can be expected to feel warmer, still, when you factor in the humidity, said Joe Pollina, weather service meteorologist.

Look for continuing above-

normal conditions into early next week.

The city and areas to the north and west could see "a heat wave beginning Friday and continuing into Monday," the weather service's Upton office said Tuesday morning.

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CORRECTIONS

Paige Patterson's tribute to American music on Friday at the Cinema Arts Centre in Huntington costs \$16 (\$11 for members). The admission information was incorrect in the community calendar in some editions of Sunday's LI Life.

The man missing off Long Beach is 30 years old. Because of incorrect information provided by authorities, the age was incorrect in a story in some editions Tuesday.

CLARIFICATIONS

Abigail Weinberg contributed to a story Tuesday about New York City's L train shutdown plan.

First-grade student Regan Lyden came up with the winning slogan for Bayview Elementary School in West Islip in a contest held by the LIRR to find new ways to spread the word about grade-crossing safety. A story Thursday did not include Regan's name.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1844 Mormon leader Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, were killed by a mob in Carthage, Illinois.
1957 Hurricane Audrey hit Louisiana and Texas; the official toll was 390 deaths, but other sources put it at between 400 and 600.
1991 The retirement of Justice Thurgood Marshall, the Supreme Court's first black jurist, led to the contentious nomination of Clarence Thomas.