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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today announced that 45 school districts serving children in Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District will receive additional federal funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which was signed into law today. As a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, Altmire has been a strong advocate of improving funding for America's schools.

“At a time when school districts across the country are facing budget shortfalls and possible lay-offs, this funding will help save jobs and keep teachers in the classroom,” Altmire said. “Our current financial crisis did not develop overnight, and it will not be solved overnight. By providing much-needed funding for our local schools, however, we can protect and create good-paying jobs in the short-term and ensure our children continue to receive a first-rate education in the long-term.”

The economic recovery package will provide immediate relief to western Pennsylvania school districts by increasing Title I and IDEA funding over the next two years to help low-income students and students with disabilities. How much funding each school district will receive is determined by pre-existing education funding formulas.

Local school districts may receive additional funding as part of the \$1.9 billion Pennsylvania is receiving through the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund. Under the guidelines included in the economic recovery package, the Governor can use this \$1.9 billion to prevent the layoffs of teachers and other education personnel and to repair, renovate and modernize schools and colleges.

On February 13, 2009, the Congressional Research Service released the following estimates for the increased Title 1 and IDEA funding Pennsylvania schools will receive for the next two years.

Allegheny County

- Allegheny Valley School District (Cheswick, PA) --\$429,000
- Avonworth School District (Pittsburgh, PA) -- \$523,000
- Cornell School District (Coraopolis, PA) -- \$323,000
- Deer Lakes School District (Russellton, PA) -- \$589,000
- Fox Chapel Area School District (Pittsburgh, PA) -- \$1,292,000
- Hampton School District (Gibsonia, PA) -- \$643,000
- Highlands School District (Natrona Heights, PA) -- \$1,089,000
- North Allegheny School District (Pittsburgh, PA) -- \$1,605,000

- Northgate School District (Pittsburgh, PA) -- \$570,000
- North Hills School District (Pittsburgh, PA) -- \$1,307,000
- Pine-Richland School District (Gibsonia, PA) -- \$665,000
- Plum School District (Plum, PA) -- \$1,106,000
- Quaker Valley School District (Sewickley, PA) -- \$535,000
- Shaler School District (Glenshaw, PA) -- \$1,657,000

Beaver County

- Aliquippa School District (Aliquippa, PA) -- \$1,265,000
- Ambridge Area School District (Ambridge, PA) -- \$1,104,000
- Beaver Area School District (Beaver, PA) -- \$511,000
- Big Beaver Falls School District (Beaver Falls, PA) -- \$963,000
- Blackhawk School District (Beaver Falls, PA) -- \$691,000
- Center Area School District (Monaca, PA) -- \$445,000
- Ellwood City School District (Ellwood City, PA) -- \$697,000
- Freedom Area School District (Freedom, PA) -- \$507,000
- Hopewell Area School District (Aliquippa, PA) -- \$844,000
- Midland Borough School District (Midland, PA) -- \$285,000
- Monaca School District (Monaca, PA) -- \$340,000
- New Brighton Area School District (New Brighton, PA) -- \$678,000
- Rochester Area School District (Rochester, PA) -- \$391,000
- South Side Area School District (Hookstown, PA) -- \$359,000
- Western Beaver County School District (Midland, PA) -- \$272,000

Butler County

- Mars Area School District (Mars, PA) -- \$694,000
- Seneca Valley School District (Harmony, PA) -- \$1,952,000
- South Butler County School District (Saxonburg, PA) -- \$873,000

Lawrence County

- Ellwood City School District (Ellwood City, PA) -- \$697,000
- Laurel School District (New Castle, PA) -- \$326,000
- Mohawk Area School District (Bessemer, PA) -- \$583,000
- Neshannock Township School District (New Castle, PA) -- \$ 292,000
- New Castle Area School District (New Castle, PA) -- \$2,655,000
- Shenango Area School District (New Castle, PA) -- \$431,000
- Union Area School District (New Castle, PA) -- \$277,000
- Wilmington Area School District (New Wilmington, PA) -- \$773,000

Mercer County

- Farrell Area School District (Farrell, PA) -- \$1,132,000
- Hermitage School District (Hermitage, PA) -- \$716,000
- West Middlesex Area School District (West Middlesex, PA) -- \$422,000

Westmoreland County

- Franklin Regional School District (Murrysville, PA) -- \$704,000

- Greensburg-Salem School District (Greensburg, PA) -- \$1,093,000