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**Congressman Jim McGovern to be Guest Speaker at Legislative Breakfast
Held at QCC's Training and Education Center**

WORCESTER, Mass. – Four area legislators, including Congressman Jim McGovern, the Mayor of Worcester, Konstantina Lukes, Senator Ed Augustus, and Senator Harriette Chandler will attend a legislative breakfast at Quinsigamond Community College's Training and Education Center at City Square on April 13 at 7:30 a.m.

The legislators will join QCC faculty and staff in a breakfast program to demonstrate the College's Adult Community Learning Center Program, which is funded by a grant from the Department of Education. The program is part of the Adult Basic Education offered by QCC at City Square in Worcester. Legislators will hear an introduction from President Gail Carberry and remarks by two current students in the program. Congressman McGovern will share his own comments as well. The legislators will then experience the program first hand by visiting one of seven classes which will be occurring that morning.

"We want to show the legislators that QCC is a key contributor to the development of the city of Worcester," said Christina Hebert, Director of Adult Basic and Occupational Education. "Through the Adult Community Learning Center Program, we can provide both certificates and trainings that lead to jobs or further education for a needy population in the city."

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Also invited to the breakfast are the Training and Education Center's neighbors, Charles Monahan, President of Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, and Nancy Nordstrom, Childcare Director, YMCA CitySquare.

The Department of Education grant also allows QCC to provide the community with free ESL and GED classes, as well as reading, writing, and math courses. The Center has built an excellent reputation.

"QCC has a great reputation in the community, and we are literally in the midst of the growth of the city. We want legislators to see for themselves all that we do here," added Hebert.

Legislators and staff will meet for the breakfast on Friday, April 13, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., in the meeting room across from the Training and Education Center at City Square, 100 Front Street in Worcester.

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