

# FEMA Awards Over \$1 Million to Watertown for COVID School Operating Costs

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**BOSTON** – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$1 million to the State of Connecticut to reimburse the Town of Watertown for the cost of steps taken to safely open schools during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$1,095,330 FEMA Public Assistance grant will reimburse the town for the cost of [contracting for temporary school nurses to provide screening and temperature scanning, and paying staff to provide daily cleaning and disinfection for the John Trumbull Primary School; Judson Elementary School; Polk Elementary School; Swift Middle School; Watertown High School; Watertown Transition Academy; St. Mary Magdalen; and St. John's School between April 2020 and July 2022](#)

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the Town of Watertown with these costs,” said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. “Providing resources for our institutions of higher education to combat the COVID-19 pandemic is critical to their success, and to our success as a nation.”

FEMA’s Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

So far, FEMA has provided more than \$669 million in Public Assistance grants to Connecticut to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.

