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**NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**AG Schimel Encourages Schools to Participate in  
School Safety Grant Program**

MADISON, Wis. – Attorney General Brad Schimel released the following statement in response to Governor Walker signing school safety legislation today.

“I credit the bipartisan group of Wisconsin State legislators and Governor Walker for quickly turning our proposed School Safety Program into action items. The Department of Justice’s (DOJ) Office of School Safety will be established immediately and staffed by existing agency personnel until a permanent director is hired. I look forward to providing necessary training and resources to make our children safer and welcome these significant responsibilities because I know that DOJ is best suited to provide public safety leadership and expertise.”

Until the formal grant application is finalized, any school that is interested in applying for grant funding may submit a short letter of interest to DOJ at [schoolsafety@doj.state.wi.us](mailto:schoolsafety@doj.state.wi.us), identifying the following information: (1) a single point of contact for the school along with contact information; (2) the type of school safety project you hope to implement; (3) the name of the law enforcement agency that will review and approve your project; (4) an approximate dollar amount of the grant you plan to request; (5) whether your project could be in place for the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year, and; (6) when you will be in a position to submit a fully developed application and plan.

If you are interested in being considered for Director of the DOJ Office of School Safety, please email your cover letter and resume to [schoolsafety@doj.state.wi.us](mailto:schoolsafety@doj.state.wi.us).

More information about the Office of School Safety will be made available soon.