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AG Schimel Provides \$1.5 Million in School Safety Grant Funding to 47 School Districts

MADISON, Wis. – Attorney General Brad Schimel today announced 47 schools and school districts that combined will receive \$1,562,511 from the first round of the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) School Safety Grant program. Recently, Attorney General Schimel announced plans for a second round of grant funding by utilizing the approximately \$45 million in remaining school safety money available. **Schools interested in applying for the second round of grant funding must submit a mandatory “intent to apply” to the OSS by August 13, 2018.**

“To date, 652 schools and school districts have been approved to receive more than \$45.7 million in school safety grant funding, after completing a detailed grant application in partnership with their local law enforcement and safety experts at DOJ,” said Attorney General Schimel. “School officials and law enforcement share the responsibility in keeping our kids safe when they leave their homes every day.”

A list of schools and school districts that were awarded school safety grants on August 9, 2018 is at the bottom of this press release. **More grants will be awarded to schools that applied for the first round of grant funding soon.** To date, 652 out of 735 applicant schools and school districts have been awarded \$45,791,398 in school safety grant funding.

In March 2018, the Wisconsin State Legislature and Governor Scott Walker passed and signed [2017 Wisconsin 143](#) into law, establishing the DOJ Office of School Safety and providing \$100 million for school safety. [735 schools and school districts](#), 97% of public schools and approximately 40% of private schools statewide, applied for the first round of funds, and all are expected to receive grant funding. Once all first round grant funds are approved, it is estimated that approximately \$45 million will remain.

The second round of grant funding, utilizing the remaining \$45 million, will advance baseline mental health and physical security improvements made in the first round of grant funding through advanced training for teachers on mental health; the creation of local teams of educators, counselors, and law enforcement to develop School Safety Intervention Teams that will assess threats and identify students in need of support; and additional physical security upgrades. **Schools interested in applying for the second round of grant funding must submit a mandatory “intent to apply” to the OSS by August 13, 2018.**

Schools applying for the second round of grant funding must agree to send 10 percent of full-time teachers and counselors to DOJ-approved 12-hour Adolescent Mental Health training by August 31, 2020, and schools may use grant funds to pay expenses incurred (tuition, travel, lodging, meals, substitute teacher pay, etc.). Schools applying must also establish a School Safety Intervention Team (SSIT), based on a model set by the U.S. Secret Service, which will engage in behavior monitoring, threat assessments, and intervention. Funding will also be available for more physical security improvements.

Schools and school districts that applied for the first round of grants are eligible for the second round of grants, and will apply for the second round through a simplified grant application process. Schools and school districts that did not apply for the first round of grants are eligible for the second round of grants, but will need to satisfy all prerequisites of the first round and second round of grant funding.

Under the second round of grant funding, grant funding will be awarded on a per-student formula, according to student enrollment as reported to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI). No awardee will receive less than \$10,000 nor receive more than \$2.5 million, in order to ensure all applicants receive sufficient funding to make meaningful physical security improvements. The final award amount will depend on the number and size of schools that apply. Interested schools can find more information on the [DOJ Office of School Safety website](#).

For more information on DOJ’s Office of School Safety, please visit: <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/office-school-safety/office-school-safety>.

A list of all 735 schools and school districts that have requested grant funds in the first round of grant funding is available on the [DOJ website](#). To date, OSS has reviewed all first-round applications. All schools that applied have either received their awards, or OSS is waiting for a response from the applicant. OSS understands that many delays on the part of applicants may be due to summer vacation and hours.

List of schools awarded grants on August 9, 2018:

- Altoona School District, \$54,500;
- Bader Hillel High (Glendale), \$39,529;
- Belmont Community School District, \$30,037;
- Bethlehem Lutheran School (Hortonville), \$20,000;
- Carter's Christian Academy (Milwaukee), \$22,000;
- Colby School District, \$61,679;
- Columbus School District, \$80,000;
- Darrell Lynn Hines Academy, \$20,000;
- Early View Academy of Excellence (Milwaukee), \$19,852;
- Elmwood School District, \$63,857;
- Faith Lutheran School (Watertown), \$19,800;
- Fox Point J2 School District, \$40,000;
- Frederic School District, \$43,745;
- Friedens Lutheran School (Kenosha), \$20,559;
- Genesee Lake School, \$37,664;
- Grace Evangelical Lutheran School (Menomonee Falls), \$20,403;
- Grace Lutheran School (Oak Creek), \$19,965;
- Green Bay Adventist Junior Academy, \$17,095;
- Holy Cross Lutheran School (Madison), \$19,113;
- Holy Family Catholic School (Waterloo), \$18,775;
- Immanuel Lutheran School (Mayville), \$19,433;
- Lakeland UHS School District, \$39,272;
- Maple Dale-Indian Hill School District, \$41,560;
- Marinette School District, \$91,914;
- Marquette University High School, \$20,000;
- Milwaukee Academy of Science, \$21,050;
- Mount Horeb Area School District, \$123,445;
- Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran School (Appleton), \$22,020;
- Nekoosa School District, \$44,434;
- Phillips School District, \$59,526;
- Rawhide Boys Ranch (New London), \$19,364;
- Reedsville School District, \$49,714;
- Richardson School (Brookfield), \$76,023;
- Sacred Heart Catholic School (Shawano), \$4,921;
- Saint Jerome Parochial Grade School (Columbus), \$17,032;
- Saint John the Baptist Catholic School (Jefferson), \$12,869;
- Saint Joseph Academy (Milwaukee), \$20,000;
- Saint Joseph Catholic Academy (Kenosha), \$20,000;
- Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran School (Cudahy), \$15,185;
- Saint Paul Grade School (Bloomer), \$20,562;

- Saint Sebastian Grade School (Milwaukee), \$20,495;
- Sharon J11 School District, \$20,418;
- Siren School District, \$46,250;
- Torah Academy of Milwaukee (Glendale), \$19,393;
- Trinity Lutheran School (Kiel), \$17,868;
- Waucousta Lutheran Grade School (Campbellsport), \$13,290;
- Westside Christian School (Middleton), \$17,900.

