

AG Schimel: Announces nearly \$4 million in school safety grant funding to 89 school districts

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MADISON, Wis. – Attorney General Brad Schimel today announced a list of 89 schools and school districts that have been awarded the next round of grants through the Wisconsin Department of Justice School Safety Grant program, administered by DOJ's Office of School Safety. Combined, the 89 schools and school districts will receive \$3,980,473 which will be spent on building safety improvements, as well as mental health training for faculty and staff. More grants will be awarded soon. A list of all 735 schools and school districts that have requested grant funds is available on the [DOJ website](#).

“The DOJ Office of School Safety is moving fast to award school safety grants,” said Attorney General Schimel. “The nearly \$4 million grants being awarded to large and small schools across the state, incentivizes school officials and law enforcement to make meaningful improvements to Wisconsin school safety through physical improvements and a focus on mental health training for school faculty.”

A list of schools and school districts that have been awarded school safety grants is at the bottom of this press release.

Grant dollars are divided into two categories: the Primary School Safety Grant and Advanced School Safety Grant. DOJ's Primary School Safety Grants focus on baseline improvements to schools, including door locks and hardening school entryways. The Advanced School Safety Grants are awarded to schools that have met minimum security thresholds. In addition to making upgrades to school buildings, one of the School Safety Grant prerequisites is providing all full-time teachers, aides, counselors, and administrators with a minimum of three hours

combined training in Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) and Trauma Informed Care/Trauma Sensitive Schools (TIC/TSS) before the end of the 2018-2019 school year; or demonstrate that staff has already received such training. Highlights from the school safety grant applications[1] include such improvements as:

- Training for all staff on Trauma Informed Care (TIC), Trauma Sensitive Schools (TSS), Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE), Peaceful Warriors, PREPaRE, Threat Assessment and Active Shooter Response training (ALICE);
- Secure the entry areas, sidelites, and interior classroom windows with shatter resistant film, updated doors and locks;
- Allow for the remodeling of entrances and vestibule/visitor holding;
- Install and/or upgrade public address system with fire and intruder alarms;
- Install mobile-based software to be installed to effectively alert building occupants and community members of a threat;
- Labeling exterior vinyl numbers on the exterior of all building so that first responders can identify a specific area.

“The Wausau School District thanks Governor Walker, Attorney General Schimel, and state legislators for the opportunity to apply for and be awarded funding through the Department of Justice’s School Safety Grant program,” said Dr. Keith Hiltz, Wausau Schools Superintendent. “Our district has been, and continues to be, very proactive in the area of school safety and security. This grant funding aligns with one of the District’s Shared Key Interests, *‘Provide safe, secure, flexible, inviting, and well-maintained environments that nurture student well-being and enhance teaching and learning,’* and will help make our schools even safer for students and staff.” Wausau School District was awarded \$406,194 through the School Safety Grant program on July 10, 2018.

Over the past three months, since [2017 Wisconsin Act 143](#) was signed into law, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) has consulted with numerous stakeholders in the fields of education, security, law enforcement, and mental health. These specialists, listed at the end of this press release, worked with DOJ’s own security experts to develop how the School Safety Grant Initiative will create sustainable improvements in Wisconsin schools.

Grant applicants are required to partner with law enforcement agencies to ensure that proposed expenditures, visitor protocols, and school safety plans will be effective and provide students with the safest learning environment possible.

“Wausau schools are safer today because of the \$400,000 grant application approved through the Wisconsin Department of Justice School Safety Grant program,” said Wausau Police Chief Ben Bliven. “The Wausau Police Department is firmly committed to the safety of our children and we are grateful for this School Safety initiative to strengthen the security of our local schools.”

In addition to helping keep schools safe from violent attacks, DOJ will be closely monitoring for behavior that could affect a school’s ability to pay market rates for products like door locks and shatter-resistant film for glass. DOJ will review and investigate any instances of inappropriate pricing behavior so the benefits of the program are not reduced.

Following is a list of organizations who have met with DOJ staff, and consulted on the creation of the Office of School Safety and the grant process and criteria.

- Association of Wisconsin School Administrators
- Badger State Sheriffs Association
- CESA 4, 7, 10
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- NAMI-WI
- Wisconsin Association of School Boards
- Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials
- Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators
- Wisconsin Association of School Nurses
- Wisconsin Catholic Conference
- Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association
- Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services
- Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools
- Wisconsin Department of Administration
- Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
- Wisconsin Education Association Council
- Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association
- Wisconsin Juvenile Officers Association
- Wisconsin Professional Police Association
- Wisconsin Retired Educators’ Association
- Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Training & Technical Assistance Center
- Wisconsin School Music Association/Wisconsin Music Educators Association
- Wisconsin School Psychologists Association
- Wisconsin School Public Relations Association

- Wisconsin School Safety Coordinators Association
- Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association

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

List of schools awarded grants on July 19, 2018:

- Abbotsford School District, \$43,155;
- Antigo Unified School District, \$160,000;
- Barron Area School District, \$98,592;
- Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran School (Germantown), \$18,880;
- Bloomer School District, \$65,075;
- Brown Deer School District, \$42,678;
- Calvary Baptist Christian School (Watertown), \$17,557;
- Chilton School District, \$25,848;
- Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District, \$205,023;
- Christ Child Academy (Sheboygan), \$16,239;
- Clayton School District, \$62,339;
- Coleman School District, \$59,945;
- Colfax School District, \$45,322;
- Cudahy School District, \$138,168;
- Darlington Community School District, \$40,000;
- Deerfield Community School District, \$59,853;
- Delavan Christian School, \$19,173;
- Evansville Community School District, \$82,970;
- Fall River School District, \$40,867;
- Fennimore Community School District, \$51,182;
- Flambeau School District, \$61,856;
- Fontana J8 School District, \$19,654;
- Fort Atkinson School District, \$146,889;
- Hayward Community School District, \$120,261;
- Horicon School District, \$61,173;
- Howard-Suamico School District, \$189,381;
- Hurley Area School District, \$41,294;
- Hustisford School District, \$41,596;
- Immanuel Lutheran Grade School (Marshfield), \$19, 278;
- Iola-Scandinavia School District, \$43,510;
- Juda School District, \$26,895;

- Kettle Moraine Lutheran High, \$21,248;
- Lake Holcombe School District, \$40,514;
- Little Chute Area School District, \$83,746;
- Lourdes Academy of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Inc., \$34,343;
- Loyal School District, \$62,505;
- Lutheran Urban Mission Initiative, Inc. (Milwaukee), \$123,085;
- Manitowoc Lutheran High School, \$20,000;
- Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, \$20,000;
- Mequon-Thiensville School District, \$136,441;
- Milwaukee Jewish Day School, \$20,000;
- Monona Grove School District, \$148,568;
- Monticello School District, \$26,305;
- Mosinee School District, \$64,020;
- Northwood School District, \$58,888;
- Norway J7 School District, \$19,128;
- Oakhill Christian School (Janesville), \$17,490;
- Oconto Falls Public School District, \$122,496;
- Pewaukee School District, \$78,564;
- Pittsville School District, \$41,032;
- Pius XI Catholic High (Milwaukee), \$19,750;
- Princeton School District, \$21,500;
- Rib Lake School District, \$63,149;
- River Falls School District, \$140,000;
- Rosendale-Brandon School District, \$132,408;
- Rosholt School District, \$62,223;
- Saint Francis of Assisi School (Manitowoc), \$27,038;
- Saint Joseph Parish School (Grafton), \$19,455;
- Saint Mary School (Burlington), \$19,234;
- Salem School District, \$21,500;
- Seymour Community School District, \$86,729;
- Shell Lake School District, \$58,833;
- Spencer School District, \$42,217;
- Spring Valley School District, \$63,411;
- SS Andrew – Thomas School (Potosi), \$19,960;
- St. Edward Catholic School (Appleton), \$16,066;
- St. John Bosco Catholic School (Sturgeon Bay), \$16,345;
- St. John the Evangelist School (Milwaukee), \$19,205;
- St. John's Lutheran School (Lannon), \$19,996;

- St. Leonard School (Muskego), \$19,850;
- St. Mark Lutheran School (Eau Claire), \$19,996;
- St. Patrick School (Mauston), \$19,960;
- St. Thomas More High (Milwaukee), \$21,727;
- Stanley-Boyd Area School District, \$82,204;
- Stevens Point Christian Academy, \$19,944;
- Stockbridge School District, \$63,879;
- Suring Public School District, \$38,502;
- Thorp Catholic School, \$2,280;
- Thorp School District, \$42,400;
- Trinity Lutheran Grade School (Merrill), \$19,594;
- Trinity Lutheran Grade School (Neenah), \$19,052;
- Trinity Lutheran School (Caledonia), \$19,968;
- Trinity Lutheran School (Waukesha), \$19,741;
- Wabeno Area School District, \$39,477;
- Washington-Caldwell School District, \$20,600;
- Waterloo School District, \$80,900;
- Wauwatosa School District, \$387,395;
- Wisconsin Heights School District, \$63,540;
- Yorkville J2 School District, \$20,810.