

Rep. Bernier: Congratulates School Safety Grant recipients

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Over \$1.3 Million Awarded to Area Schools and School Districts

Madison – Yesterday in Eau Claire, Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel was on-hand to announce the latest round of School Safety Grants. This round of awards brings the number of schools and school districts in the 68th Assembly District receiving awards to fifteen, totaling over \$1.3 million. With phase one of the grant process winding down, AG Schimel also took the opportunity to detail plans for a second round of grants slated to begin in August.

“I am excited to see the positive response from schools in our area to upgrade their school safety plans,” Rep. Bernier said. “We take our kid’s safety seriously. We must do what is necessary to enhance our facilities and prepare our teachers and staff to ensure schools are safe and free from violence.”

With an expected \$45 million remaining, from the initial \$100 million allocated for school safety grants, focus on phase two will build on baseline mental health and physical security improvements made in the first round. Additionally, phase two grants will provide for advanced training for teachers on mental health; establish local teams of educators, counselors, and law enforcement to develop School Safety Intervention; and, provide for additional physical security upgrades.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice encourages schools and school districts interested in

applying for the second round of grant funding to submit the mandatory “intent to apply” to the Office of School Safety by August 13, 2018. Additional information on this grant program is available at <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/office-school-safety/office-school-safety>.