

Rep. Edming: More schools serving the 87th District awarded school safety grants

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Marathon City School District, North Cedar Academy, and Trinity Lutheran School receive grants

MADISON – Representative James Edming (R-Glen Flora) congratulated three more schools and school districts serving students in the 87th Assembly District on being awarded School Safety Grants from the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ). Among the grants announced today were grants to the Marathon City School District (\$62,924), North Cedar Academy in Ladysmith (\$19,988), and Trinity Lutheran School in Athens (\$18,033).

“It is great to see additional schools serving the 87th Assembly District awarded School Safety Grants,” said Rep. Edming. “I am proud to have voted for the legislation that created this program and I am pleased to see these schools receive needed resources to make their facilities safer.”

So far, sixteen schools and school districts serving students in the 87th District have been awarded grants through the School Safety Grant Program. This \$100 million program was created by 2017 Act 143 and is administered by the Office of School Safety at DOJ. Including the grants announced today, over \$30 million in grants

have been awarded so far with additional grants expected to be awarded in the future. A full list of all 735 schools and school districts that have submitted School Safety Grant applications can be found on the DOJ website.

In addition to the grants awarded today, Attorney General Brad Schimel announced the next phase of School Safety Grants which will focus on initiatives to improve student mental health. According to the DOJ, approximately \$45 million is expected to be available for the second phase of grants.

“With funding remaining after the first round of grants, I am glad to hear the Attorney General announce another round of School Safety Grants focused on mental health,” said Rep. Edming. “The funding from this second round of grants will give schools added resources to improve mental health in their schools.”

The DOJ encourages public and private K-12 schools to apply for this next round of grants. The DOJ anticipates that the second round of grants will start to be awarded in October.