Rep. Shankland: Congratulates Stevens Point public schools on receiving $279,827 school safety grant

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MADISON – Today, Stevens Point Public Schools received $279,827 as part of the school safety grant program created by Wisconsin Act 143, the largest amount awarded to any of the grant applicants. This money will be used to help complete safety and security plans and upgrades throughout the district.

Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) released the following statement in response:

“I am thrilled for Stevens Point Public Schools and congratulate them on receiving this needed funding. I would like to thank the school board for proactively reaching out to me and outlining their safety needs early in the legislative process — their leadership is commendable. I was pleased to vote for the creation of the school safety grant program, and I am heartened that the children of the Stevens Point community will benefit. Students deserve to learn in a safe environment, free from fear, and this funding will help to ensure that stays the reality for Stevens Point Public Schools.

“I also know that this one-time funding will not be enough to cover every Wisconsin school’s needs. While I believe this grant program is an important first step, we can institute even stronger policies to comprehensively enhance safety in our schools. I hope that moving forward, legislators and school leaders can have continuing thoughtful, productive discussions and work together to give our schools the

resources needed to keep students and educators safe.”