

Safe Schools Targeted Grant

Grant Overview: The Pennsylvania Department of Education is providing Safe Schools Competitive Targeted Grants for Equipment to address school safety and violence. Funding up to \$25,000 is available for eligible equipment, including but not limited to:

- Metal detectors
- Protective lighting
- Surveillance equipment
- Special emergency communications equipment including radios
- Electronic locksets, deadbolts and theft control devices and training in the use of the security-related technology; and,
- Student, staff and visitor swipe-card identification systems.

The administration proposes the purchase of handsets that are compatible with the new emergency radio system planned by the Warren County Emergency Management Department. The planned radio system, which allows law enforcement, fire agencies, and other entities to speak directly with each other, is an upgrade over the system currently in use. Current plans did not include providing handsets for district use in the initial rollout.

Amount of Award: Up to \$25,000.00

Due Date/Notification of Award: Application due on August 1, 2018. Notification in September/October.

Alternatives if not Awarded: The district may have to consider what other funding sources are available to purchase necessary equipment to tie into the new county radio system.

WCSD Resources Required: The district may have to purchase repeater stations or other equipment to ensure that all buildings are able to connect to the county system.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to develop and submit a Safe Schools Targeted Grant for equipment to purchase up to \$25,000 for radio handsets that are compatible with the planned county radio system upgrade.