

Press Release

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Prescott School District Receives School Safety Grant

Prescott School District is among 147 schools that were recently awarded grant funding through the Wisconsin Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office of School Safety Grant program, administered by the DOJ's Office of School Safety. The grant program will award \$100 million in total to school districts across Wisconsin. Grants will support building safety improvements and safety training for school employees. Prescott applied for and received \$83,729 for local school safety initiatives. A list of all schools that have received funding to date is available on the DOJ website: <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/office-school-safety/school-safety-grants>.

In a press release from the DOJ, Attorney General Brad Schimel noted, "The DOJ Office of School Safety is moving fast to award school safety grants." He further explained that the grants provide resources for school officials and law enforcement to work together to improve school safety through physical building improvements as well as a focus on mental health training.

Grant funding is allocated in two categories: Primary School Safety Grants, that focus on baseline improvements such as locks and front entrance security; and Advanced School Safety Grants, which are awarded to schools who meet minimum security thresholds. Grant applicants were required to partner with law enforcement agencies for assurance that the proposed projects, visitor protocol, and school safety plans are effective in providing the safest possible learning environments. To maintain cost accountability, the DOJ plans to closely monitor pricing behaviors of vendors and will investigate any suspected price abnormalities so the full program benefits are realized.

"Prescott is very fortunate to receive this funding and we appreciate the collaboration across agencies that made this application a reality," said Superintendent Rick Spicuzza. "We will be able to make valuable improvements to our district buildings that will improve safety for students, staff, and visitors. By working closely with local law enforcement in developing the safety project and plans, we have a great foundation now and going forward to assure a safe and secure environment."

For more information on the DOJ's Office of School Safety, including a full press release, grant details, a list of applicants and awards, please visit: <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/office-school-safety/office-school-safety>.