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To: School District Administrators

From: Jerry Coleman  
Director – School Finance

Re: School District Safety Grants

Date: 12/2/2013

The ND Legislature, through [Senate Bill 2267](#), provided \$3,000,000 in matching grants for projects that improve school safety. A schedule showing eligible school districts and their grant amounts is attached to this memo.

For purposes of the bill, an eligible school district is a school district that:

- Is not precluded from receiving state aid by NDCC 15.1-27-35.3;
- Provides an equal monetary match for any amount received under this grant program; and
- As of June 30, 2013, has an ending general fund balance that does not exceed 25 percent of the district's total general fund expenditures.

Authorized expenditures for projects to improve school safety may include the purchase, installation, and maintenance of alarms, cameras, electronic door locks, emergency response call buttons, intercom systems, key or pass cards, metal detectors, and other similar equipment designed to minimize the potential for a crisis and maximize the safety of students and staff in the event of a life-threatening situation. A district cannot use grant funds for personnel or contracts for the provision of security services.

The grants will be distributed upon receipt of appropriate documentation indicating:

- Project description sufficient to determine eligibility.
- Receipts showing purchased items, date of purchase and total purchase amount.

A reimbursement form to assist with the reimbursement request has been published on the DPI website at <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/finance/finance/>.

Kenneth Steiner (701-298-4639) is the direct contact for information on SB 2267 School District Safety Grants. Feel free to contact Kenneth with any questions you may have regarding your projects.

Submit reimbursement requests and documentation to:

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