



2018 Legislative Session School Safety Bills

1. **SB-158 School Access for Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program (Interoperability Grant)**

- Open to ANY school/district/charter school/BOCES
- \$5 Million for 6 years
- Allowances: Interoperable communications hardware, software, equipment maintenance and training for communications between school communications systems and first responder communications systems
- Initial awarding on or before 12/31/18 and then on or before 9/1/ each year
- Please note: the RFP is expected shortly (probably by 11/1) but the first year application submission will have a QUICK turnaround of about 2 weeks.

How best to prepare:

- Finalize your MOU with your 911 center (sample here)
- Description of your current interoperable communication technology
- Summary of compliance with the response framework in the Safe Schools Act (CRS 22-32-109.1)
- Description of efforts to coordinate communication with local law enforcement, 911 system and other schools
- Description of how you would use the funds including training, joint exercise planning and interoperability technology solution
- Proof of EOP with safety team members designated for communication with first responders

Reporting requirements:

On or before 1/15/2020 and then 1/15 each year thereafter a report to DHSEM/CDPS

- Number of schools that provided training to appropriate personnel regarding effective communications with first responders in an emergency
- Number of schools that used grant money to provide or upgrade its interoperable technology, including interoperable communication hardware or software
- Total number of students enrolled in the schools that received the grant money

2. **SB18-269 Security Disbursement Program**

- Open to ANY school/district/charter school/BOCES (may apply as a regional applicant)
- \$29.5 Million, yearly but repealed 7/1/2021
- Allowable: capital construction, including structure or installed hardware, devices or equipment that protects school facilities or vehicles; training student threat assessment; training for on-site school resource officers; and school emergency response training.
- First preference to applicants with a match
- RFFs expected in the Fall 2018

Reporting requirements:

- On or before August 1, 2018 and on or before August 1st each year thereafter:
- Amount received
- Source and amount of matching money, if applicable
- Purpose(s) for which the LEA used the disbursed money, including an itemized accounting of how the money was expended



3. SB18-272 – Suicide Prevention Training in Schools

- Grant program in the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment
- Open to districts, public schools, district charter schools or Institute charter schools
- Training for all teachers and staff on crisis and suicide prevention training
- Priority for those schools that have not yet conducted such training
- Application period opens 1/1/2019
- CSSRC Suicide Resource Guides updated and available to help with training selections

Reporting requirements:

- Reports will be due to the legislature by CDPHE not later than six months after the expiration of the term of its grant. Therefore, CDPHE will set the timetable for school/districts to report to them in a timely fashion.
- Reports will need to include:
 - Number of schools that received services from the grant
 - Number of pupils enrolled at each school
 - Number of staff who were provided the training
 - Copy of the school/district's crisis and suicide prevention plans