



## School Board Briefing/Proposed Action Report

**Informational** (no action required by Board)     **Action Report** (Board will be required to take action)

**DATE:** October 14, 2016  
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### **I. TITLE**

Acceptance of the Washington Schools Risk Management Pool (WSRMP) School Security Grant    **For Introduction:** November 2, 2016  
**For Action:** November 16, 2016

### **II. WHY BOARD ACTION IS NECESSARY**

This action is being brought forward to the Board in compliance with Board Policy No. 6114, Gifts, Grants, Donations and Fundraising Proceeds, as the amount of the grant is estimated at \$332,657, an amount in excess of the threshold of \$250,000, and therefore requires Board approval.

### **III. FISCAL IMPACT/REVENUE SOURCE**

Fiscal impact to this action is a potential receipt of up to \$332,657 in grant revenues.

The revenue source for this motion is the WSRMP School Security Grant.

Expenditure:     One-time     Annual     Other Source

### **IV. POLICY IMPLICATION**

This grant supports Board Policy No. 3405, Student Wellness, which states the need to provide a safe learning environment. The grant also supports the District Strategic Plan goal of working with staff and community partners to create a school environment that is socially, emotionally and physically safe.

### **V. RECOMMENDED MOTION**

I move that the School Board accept the Washington Schools Risk Management Pool School Security Grant in the amount of up to \$332,657 to reimburse the installation cost of security equipment at the schools designated in this board action report and authorize the Superintendent to take all actions necessary to implement this grant.

### **VI. BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

This item was discussed at the Audit & Finance Committee meeting on October 13, 2016. The committee reviewed the motion and moved it forward to the full board with a recommendation for approval.

## **VII. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Washington Schools Risk Management Pool (WSRMP) recognizes the value of members being pro-active in the area of school security. For this reason, the WSRMP Executive Board has authorized the funding of a grant program to provide members financial assistance in procuring approved security assessments and / or improvements in their school facilities. Seattle Public Schools is a member of WSRMP.

The grant sets a specific amount of monies designated for each district based upon a pro-rata division of total grant dollars. Monies can be used for assessments or to reimburse members for the cost of specific equipment, technology or device(s) identified in an approved school security assessment to make schools safer. The District has completed approved security assessments including the Meng Analysis and the Seattle Police Department's Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Analysis in many of our schools. This data provided a basis for prioritizing projects to maximize safety. This grant will be used to augment current the Building, Technology, and Academic/Athletic (BTA) and Building Excellence (BEX) levies that focus on safety improvements.

Staff is proposing that this grant be used for audio intercom (AI) phone access controls at specific schools, as requested by schools and identified by the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) process. The AI phone systems are a locked system on the outside entry with a master station in the office; visitors push a buzzer to ask for entry, and the master station allows school staff to release the door lock to allow entry. Many schools in the district already have AI phones; grant dollars will supplement work already in progress or scheduled for schools. The schools selected include consideration of schools that do not have a clear line of sight from the front door to the office. Two high schools, two middle schools, three K-8 schools, and several elementary schools are in the plan, including:

Rainier Beach High School	3 AI Phones and 2 master stations	\$20,000
Franklin High School	2 AI phones and 2 master stations	15,000
Aki Kurose Middle School	1 AI phone and 1 master stations	12,000
Washington Middle School	2 AI phones and 2 master stations	15,000
Boren K-8 STEM	2 AI phones and 2 master stations	15,000
Broadview-Thomson K-8	1 AI phone and 1 maser station	12,000
Beacon Hill Elementary	1 AI phone and master station	12,000
Gatewood Elementary	1 AI phone and 1 master station	12,000
Green Lake Elementary	1 AI phone and master station	12,000
Kimball Elementary	1 AI phone and master station	12,000
Lawton Elementary	1 AI phone and 1 master station	12,000
Leschi Elementary	1 AI phone and 1 master station	12,000
Lowell Elementary	2 AI phones and 2 master stations and enhanced security cameras	18,000
McDonald Elementary	1 AI phone and 1 master station	12,000
Montlake Elementary	1 AI phone and 1 master station	12,000
John Muir Elementary	1 AI phone and 1 master station	12,000
North Beach Elementary	1 AI phone and master station	12,000

Northgate Elementary	1 AI phone and master station	12,000
Olympic View Elementary	1 AI phone and 1 master station	12,000
Sand Point Elementary	1 AI phone and 1 master station, and enhanced locks	15,000
Stevens Elementary	1 AI phone and 1 master station	12,000
Thurgood Marshall Elementary	1 AI phone and 1 master station	12,000
TOPS K-8	1 AI phone and 1 master station	12,000
Van Asselt Elementary	1 AI phone and 1 master station	15,000
West Seattle Elementary	2 AI phones and 2 master stations	<u>15,000</u>
		\$332,000

Any remaining dollars realized through installation efficiencies will provide a system to Old Van Asselt or John Rogers. In developing the plan for use of these dollars, staff identified the security improvements scheduled for the BTA IV levy dollars, so that this grant could supplement the schedule already in place to provide schools with cameras and other access controls. As an example of how these grant dollars will support security needs, Rainier Beach High School will be receiving one more security camera and door and window alarms, so the AI phone installation will give the office staff control over three entry points to ensure access control between their multiple buildings.

#### **VIII. STATEMENT OF ISSUE**

Staff and students are more able to focus on teaching and learning if they are in a safe and secure school environment. Controlling access to buildings is an established security measure, particularly for schools that have no main office visibility to the main doors. AI phone systems are very popular in schools that already have them installed. This grant will allow more schools to have the additional level of access control and security.

#### **IX. ALTERNATIVES**

- 1) Do not accept this grant.- This is not recommended as all available security measures have not been implemented in all schools.
- 2) Allocate funds to other security priorities – This is not recommended as this is the highest value affordable security measure to prevent incidents and maximize safety for the largest number of schools.

#### **X. RESEARCH AND DATA SOURCES / BENCHMARKS**

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design standards.  
2014 Meng Analysis

#### **XI. TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Approval of grant application:	September 1, 2016
Acceptance of grant and approval of plan by the Board:	November 16, 2016
Completion of equipment installation and end of grant:	August 31, 2017

Pending Board approval, District staff will be reaching out to schools where installation is planned to discuss the accompanying change in operational procedures to support the effective implementation of this new security piece starting in October 2016.

## **XII. ATTACHMENTS**

- Letter from Washington Schools Risk Management Pool