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(HURON, Ohio) Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced today that the state will support the installation of security upgrades at more than 700 K-12 schools across Ohio. A total of 708 schools in 57 counties will receive \$57.8 million in grant funding to enhance student and staff safety. Governor DeWine is awarding the funds as part of his K-12 School Safety Grant Program, which helps schools with physical security expenses, such as new security cameras, public address systems, automatic door locks, visitor badging systems, and exterior lighting. "We are being proactive in keeping our schools safe in Ohio. Student and staff safety is paramount," said Governor DeWine. "These safety grants are helping schools create environments that are secure and welcoming for teachers and their students."

Huron City Schools will receive \$100,000 for upgrades at each building for a total of \$400,000. The Safety Committee for HCS, led by Superintendent Dr. James J. Tatman, Treasurer Paul DeMarco, School Board Vice President John P. Jones, and School Resource Officer Keith Lobsinger, submitted the grants for enhancements that will include structural improvements as well as equipment upgrades.

"The grant does require district confirmation that the enhancements will go to a school anticipated to be in use for at least 5 years. With our current work of consolidation, use of the funds for the building closing may still be allowable for items that can be transferred to a different building," stated Dr. Tatman.

"I appreciate the efforts of everyone involved in this opportunity as it will benefit all students and school personnel," Officer Lobsinger offered. "We are fortunate that this opportunity will assist us with timely upgrades and serve to enhance our safety procedures."

For additional information, please visit:

<https://ofcc.ohio.gov/Services-Programs/Grants/Ohios-K-12-School-Safety-Grant-Program>

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