

## **State of Iowa Governor's School Safety Initiative Summary Sheet**

On June 14, 2022, Gov. Reynolds [announced](#) \$100 million in school safety funding to support Iowa's 327 public school districts and 183 nonpublic and independent schools during a press conference with the Department of Public Safety, Department of Education, and the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Initial funding is being made through the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Emergency and Secondary Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds. A breakdown of the funds are:

- \$75M - School Safety Improvement Fund (target hardening/security improvements)
- \$7.5M - Vulnerability assessments for all 1,500 PK-12 school buildings
- \$6M - Digital critical incident mapping technology
- \$4.5M - Two-way radios for schools
- \$1.5M - Digital applications and software for threat reporting and monitoring
- \$5.5M - School Safety Bureau operational funding through 2026 Implementation of Services

Additional Information about many of the components of the initiative can be found at:  
<https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/school-facilities/school-safety/governor-s-school-safety-initiative>

### **School Safety Improvement Fund - Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

The application period is open now. Up to \$50,000 per school building will be made available through the School Safety Improvement Fund for schools to implement recommended safety measure capital improvements identified through the vulnerability assessment. Superintendents and head nonpublic school administrators must complete the School Safety Improvement Funding Notice of Interest (NOI) Survey within the Consolidated Accountability and Support Application (CASA) to indicate their interest in applying for these funds.

For questions regarding the School Safety Improvement Fund, contact: [schoolsafetygrant@iowa.gov](mailto:schoolsafetygrant@iowa.gov)

### **Vulnerability Assessments - Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

Vulnerability assessments are available now. Superintendents and head nonpublic school administrators can request an assessment through the School Safety Vulnerability Assessment Survey, located in the Other folder on the main CASA dashboard.

For questions regarding vulnerability assessments offered by the State of Iowa 3rd party contractor, Tetra Tech, contact: [DHSSA@tetrattech.com](mailto:DHSSA@tetrattech.com)

For questions regarding vulnerability assessment requirements for the School Safety Improvement Fund, contact: [schoolsafetygrant@iowa.gov](mailto:schoolsafetygrant@iowa.gov)

### **Digital Critical Incident Mapping Technology - Iowa Department of Education**

Critical Incident Mapping technology will be made available to school districts and first responders statewide to help ensure a rapid response at our schools.

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For questions regarding critical incident mapping for schools, contact: [rachel.bosovich@iowa.gov](mailto:rachel.bosovich@iowa.gov) or [eric.stclair@iowa.gov](mailto:eric.stclair@iowa.gov)

**Two-way Radios for Schools - Iowa Department of Public Safety**

All Iowa school districts and nonpublic schools can request an emergency radio for each school building by completing the [School Safety Radio Order Form](#). The State of Iowa will purchase the radios, which [Motorola and L3-Harris/RACOM](#) are manufacturing, to help ensure that schools have effective, efficient, and secured communication with local and state law enforcement authorities, and other first responders, in the event of a school emergency.

Any school wishing to participate in this program must complete the electronic application/order form and be received by the Department of Public Safety no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 21, 2022.

For questions regarding Radios for Schools, contact: [schoolsafety@dps.state.ia.us](mailto:schoolsafety@dps.state.ia.us)

**Digital Application and Software for Threat Reporting and Monitoring - Iowa Department of Public Safety**

A statewide anonymous school safety threat reporting platform will be made available to the public in the coming months. The Governor's School Safety Bureau will have staff dedicated to monitoring and acting upon the anonymous tips reported through the platform.

For questions regarding the the Threat Reporting and Monitoring Software, contact: [schoolsafety@dps.state.ia.us](mailto:schoolsafety@dps.state.ia.us)

**Governor's School Safety Bureau - Iowa Department of Public Safety**

The Governor's School Safety Bureau will provide assistance and tools to identify, report, and assess school-based threats while still embracing local control. Special Agent-in-Charge (SAC) Don Schnitker has been named the head of the bureau and will be building the Governor's School Safety Bureau team from the ground up. The bureau will consist of an advanced criminal intelligence analyst to identify and assess threats, a training specialist to oversee law enforcement and civilian response training efforts, five communication specialists to monitor a threat reporting platform, and an administrative assistant to coordinate logistics and training.

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