

## **CPS Applies for Michigan State Police Security Grants**

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Charlotte Public Schools has submitted three grant applications to the Michigan State Police for increased security provisions at the school district. The State Police grants are competitive and have two pools of revenue with the grant allocation.

The first grant revenue pool is approximately \$900,000 and is mainly affiliated with Sheriff Departments across the state and the emergency management division within them. CPS is partnering with the Eaton County Sheriff Department on the first grant application to pursue a technology application which will tie authorized users directly to 911 central dispatch. Central dispatch is tied directly to all of the area first responders. The application is called "Panic Button" and its advantage is instant transmission of predetermined emergency circumstances and critical information.

The second grant revenue pool of approximately \$3,500,000, is affiliated directly with school districts. CPS is submitting a second grant application for reimbursement of hand held radios and radio infrastructure that will allow direct communication with area first responders (police, fire, sheriff, EMS, central dispatch 911). In addition, the radios will enhance and increase our internal communication between buildings and departments. We are seeking reimbursement as we have already moved forward with the radio initiative as we determined the importance and urgency of getting connected with area first responders even without grant funding. It made sense to get this project done to increase our safety preparedness and communication with governmental agencies.

The third and final grant application is associated with building and classroom security devices that adhere to doors. CPS is submitting an application for a device called "Night Lock". The "Night Lock" device adds another security measure to building and classroom doors to create a safer location in lock-down situations. The "Night Lock" device is being sought for all of our school buildings.

In summary, all three grants are competitive across the state. We are hopeful our applications will be awarded grant money as they will create safer conditions and increased communication with our area first responders.