

6/29/2018

Name
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City, State, Zip

Dear Mayor/Chief:

As your representative in Congress, I would like to make you aware of an opportunity that can help improve school security in your community.

As you may know, H.R. 4909, the *Student, Teachers and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Act*, was signed into law earlier this year. The new law creates grant programs to teach and train students, teachers, school officials and law enforcement how to identify and intervene early when signs of potential violence arise.

Included in the legislation is \$25 million for new technology and equipment to improve school security, such as metal detectors, locks, and other infrastructure that keep our students safe. I am also proud to say that bipartisan legislation I introduced with Rep. Brad Schneider (D-IL) was included in the final package voted on by Congress and signed into law.

My legislation established a School Violence Prevention Program through the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) that allows states and local governments to apply for a competitive grant program of up to \$500,000 per jurisdiction to improve security on school property through the installation of panic buttons and other technology to immediately alert law enforcement to incidents of violence in the classroom. Of the overall cost for installation and maintenance of the panic alert systems, 75% would be covered by the federal government. The DOJ recently released guidelines for the grants, and we have included a step-by-step process of how to apply.

If you would like more information or would like to apply online, please visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Bost", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Bost
Member of Congress