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**School Safety Funds Coming to the 92nd District**

We live in a very different world from that of years past. And no matter the changes the future brings, the safety of children should always and will remain a top priority. Back in March the legislature met for a special session to approve of creating the Office of School Safety within the Department of Justice. Governor Walker promptly signed and approved of our decision to address this evolving world and how we can better protect our students. Now we are starting to see the results of these decisions.

Recently Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel has been steadily announcing some of the schools that will be receiving money from the $100 million grant available to improve school safety for both public and private schools that submitted applications. In order to receive this money, schools are required to partner with law enforcement agencies to review proposed changes concerning visitor protocols and school safety plans. Some of this money will be used for things such as door locks and improving school entries and exits.

As a parent myself, there isn’t a day that goes by that I don’t worry about the safety of my daughter whether it’s at school or in any aspect of her life as well as the safety of other children. But knowing that law enforcement and the school districts are taking steps to be proactive and taking measures for situations that may arise gives me peace of mind.

I am extremely proud of all of the schools in our district that have taken the initiative and applied for this money. This includes the Alma Center School District, Alma School District, Arcadia School District, Black River Falls School District, Blair-Taylor School District, Cochrane-Fountain City School District, Durand-Arkansaw School District, Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau School District, Gilmanton School District, Holy Family Catholic Grade School, Independence School District, Melrose-Mindoro School District, Mondovi School District, Osseo-Fairchild School District, and Whitehall School District.

Moving forward with school safety we should always be open to new ideas and solutions to keep our children, educators and community safe.

For more information on the Office of School Safety you can visit www.doj.state.wi.us/office-school-safety/office-school-safety. I hope you continue to enjoy this beautiful summer that we have been given!

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