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BUCKEYE LOCAL AWARDED ARPA SCHOOL SECURITY GRANTS

Grants Totaling \$223,625 will be Distributed Across All Buildings

MEDINA, OH (April 28, 2023) — Buckeye Local Schools is proud to announce that it has been awarded four grants totaling \$223,625 from the Ohio Department of Education to improve student safety. The funds will be distributed among the district's four schools: Buckeye High School (\$62,873), Buckeye Intermediate School (\$53,060), Buckeye Junior High School (\$54,632), and Buckeye Primary School (\$53,060).

Substitute House Bill 687 created an appropriation entitled American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) School Security. It designated \$100,000,000 in federal ARPA funding to award grants of up to \$100,000 per school building to eligible public school districts. Grants were awarded according to guidelines developed in consultation with the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio School Safety Center within the Department of Public Safety (OSSC).

The grant money will purchase state-of-the-art safety equipment such as security cameras, secure entry systems, and portable radios and telephones. This investment by the district further reinforces its commitment to providing students with a safe learning environment while preparing them for success in a competitive society.

“This money will help to upgrade our school safety systems,” said Superintendent Jeffery Harrison. “We continue to find innovative ways to seek funding for improvements that enhance our student’s learning experience.”

This grant award is a testament to Buckeye Local Schools’ commitment to fiscal responsibility and its dedication to providing students with the best possible educational experience. Buckeye Local Schools will continue to seek alternative funding sources, such as grants, to improve student safety and create an environment for excellence.

For more information about the district’s financial management and safety initiatives, please visit www.buckeyeschools.org.

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