Burke County and Burke County Public Schools New Grant Partnership

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DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Background on COPS: School Violence Prevention Grant
- Proposed Grant Terms & Amounts
- Utilization Strategy
- Questions…

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DOJ COPS School Violence Prevention Grant

- In 2018, Congress passed the Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence Act of 2018 (STOP School Violence Act), empowering the COPS Office to award competitive grants to states, local governments, tribal agencies, and school districts for evidence-based school safety and violence-prevention initiatives.

- The program was designed to fund three broad types of activities:
  1. Training for law enforcement, school personnel, and students to prevent violence;
  2. Technology and physical security enhancements (e.g., locks, lighting, detectors, expedited notification systems);
  3. Other measures that the COPS Office determines will significantly improve school-ground security.

- The application and award process is rigorous: for example, in FY 2024, the COPS Office received 1,008 applications requesting over $330 million, yet funding was limited (~$73 million), which required a strong methodology for selecting grantees.

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PROPOSED GRANT STRUCTURE

Total amount of the projects will cost:.....**$624,991**
Requires a 25% local match.....**($156,248)**
BCPS.....**$116,248**
Burke County.....**$40,000**

- Three (3) year federal grant.
- Partnership with Burke County Public Schools.

PROPOSED GRANT UTILIZATION

1. Lighting investment to improve safety for schools and at Reep Park
2. Portable scanners for athletic events
3. Metal detectors
4. Additional cameras
5. Card access door security

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Questions?

