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RE: Kansas Safe and Secure Firearm Detection Program

Dear Superintendent,

Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach is pleased to announce the launch of the **Safe and Secure Firearm Detection Program**. The statewide grant initiative helps enhance school safety by enabling public schools to contract with ZeroEyes, a firearm detection technology provider, for equipment and services utilizing grant money appropriated by the Kansas Legislature.

The Kansas Legislature has appropriated \$10 million to support this important school safety effort. Funds are divided equally among Kansas's four congressional districts (\$2.5 million per district). Grants are available to all Kansas public schools on a first-come, first-served basis until the funding is utilized.

How the Technology Works

This program funds AI-powered firearm detection systems that layers ZeroEyes software onto a school's existing security cameras. The system:

- **Detects** only brandished (openly displayed) firearms using AI – no facial recognition is involved.
- **Verifies** potential threats 24/7/365 by trained U.S. military veterans in a monitoring center to eliminate false alerts.
- **Alerts** school staff and local law enforcement in as little as 3-5 seconds with real-time details, including images and threat location.

This technology adds a protective layer to your school's existing security measures and complies with privacy laws (no collection of personally identifiable information).

Application Requirements and Process

A unique and separate application must be submitted for each public school that wishes to participate in the program. Applications are processed in the order received and timestamped.

Key parameters:

- No single school may request more than \$250,000.
- No district may receive more than \$500,000 total across all its schools.
- Approval is contingent upon satisfactory IT feasibility assessment performed by ZeroEyes.

Incomplete or inaccurate applications will be returned for correction and will receive a new timestamp upon resubmission. Incomplete or inaccurate submissions will not be processed.

School districts have been notified of the application process by email and postal mail, using the contact information maintained by the Kansas Department of Education. Application materials also have been made available publicly through a statewide press release.

The application can be accessed through the Office of the Attorney General website at the web address below.

<https://www.ag.ks.gov/reports-resources/kansas-safe-and-secure-firearm-detection-grant-program>

We appreciate your commitment to student safety and encourage prompt submission of applications to secure funding for your school(s). Should you have any questions, please contact Payton Lacey at the Office of the Kansas Attorney General at (785) 296-2215 or visit our website for additional guidance.

Sincerely,

/s/Payton Lacey

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