



FORT  SMITH  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



# ARKANSAS SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT

*Report*





# Grant Information

On December 8, 2022, the State Board of Education gave approval to Emergency Rules Governing School Safety. These rules became effective December 16, 2022, upon review of the Arkansas Legislative Council, and govern distribution of school safety grant funds made available by Act 3 of 2022 of \$50,000,000.00

School safety grant funds must be used to aid in implementing the recommendations of the School Safety Commission, Governor Huckabee Sanders' Arkansas L.E.A.R.N.S. plan, and providing a safe school environment for students and staff.

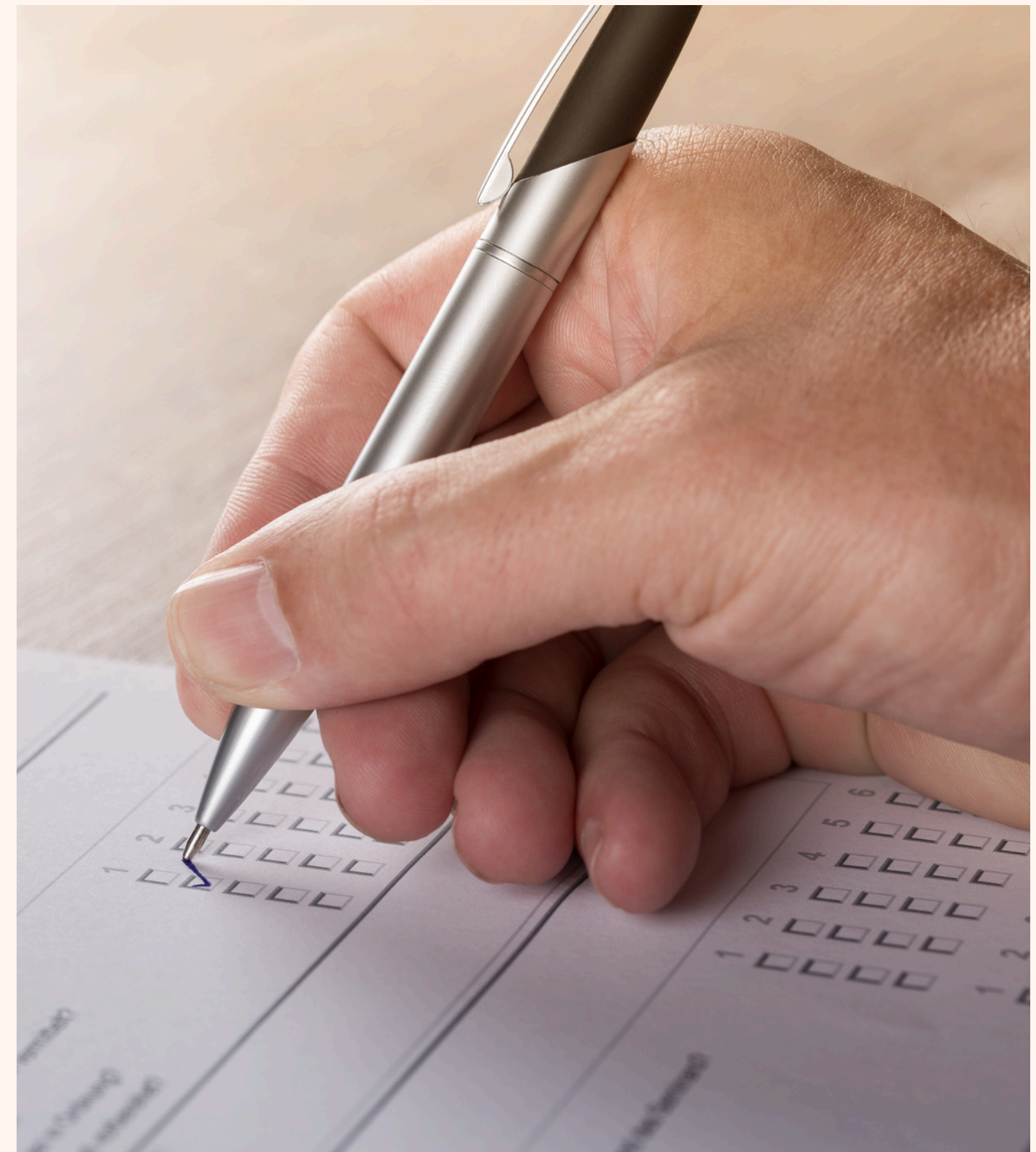
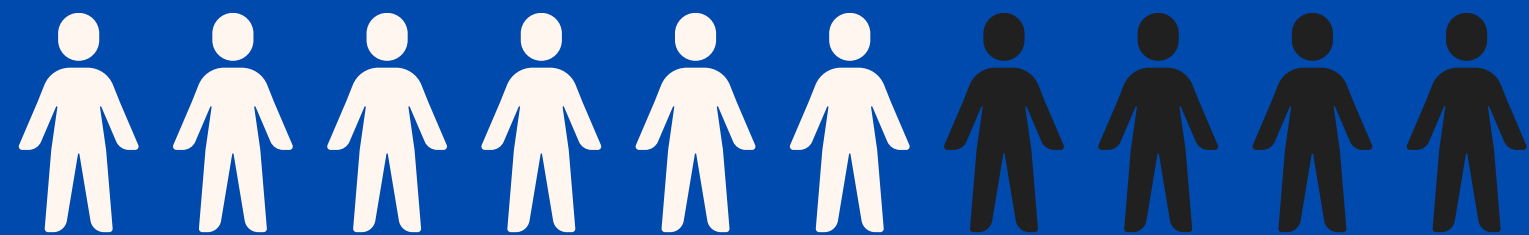




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# Application

Fort Smith Public Schools Police applied for the school safety grant in the Spring of 2023. Through the streamlined process we were awarded and approved to receive \$595,150.00





# How Funding was calculated:

The amount of funding available to a district was calculated using the following formula:

**1**

Base Amount  
\$100,000 for 501  
students

\$250,000.00

**2**

Scale Multiplier  
depending on size of  
school

**3**

\$25 /Student  
Enrollment  
21-22 Student  
Enrollment  
13,846

**4**

**Grant  
Awarded  
\$596,150.00**



# Priorities Of Expenditures



Locks

**\$191,068.47**



Access Control

**\$127,688.90**



Fencing

**\$145,741.54**



Communications

**\$57,847.44**



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# Locks

- 1** 922 Levers Purchased and currently being installed
- 2** Doors will automatically lock when the door closes to the classroom
- 3** Older antiquated locks required teachers to step into halls to lock doors



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# Access Control

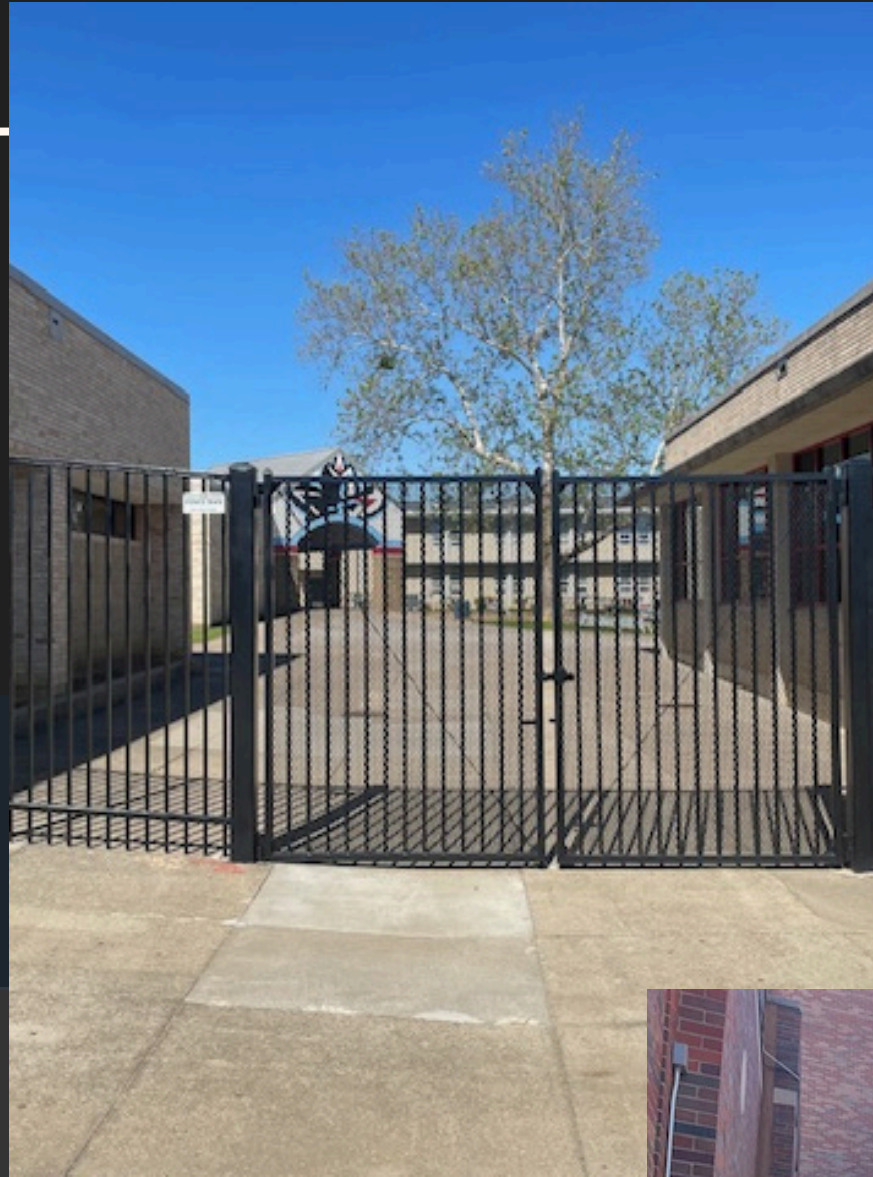
- 1 Collaborated with school principals as to their needs.
- 2 Internal and External
- 3 Able to keep the same software and hardware as used in the millage





# Fencing

1 Northside High School



2 Southside High School

3 Enhancement of outside Security





# Communications

- 1 Enhanced our radio communications
- 2 Purchased 9 handheld radios.
- 3 Purchased 2 additional vehicle radios.



# State Priorities 1 - Recommendations



## **Locked Doors** **In Progress**

Recommendation:

District campuses should equip classroom doors with locks so that doors can be locked from the inside.



## **Access Control** **Completed**

Recommendation:

Districts should, at a minimum, install electronic access controls for high-frequency-use exterior doors.



## **Fencing** **Completed**

Recommendation:

District campuses should have physical barriers such as bollards, landscaping, fencing, low walls, etc. at school entrances, especially the main entrance.



## **Communications** **Completed**

Recommendation:

School Districts should develop layered two-way communication access between staff members and administrative staff via various platforms to ensure information sharing and improve alert processes.



# QUESTIONS?

