



Richland School District

Press Release **Office of the Superintendent**

To: All local Media.

From: Timothy Regan, Principal Richland High School

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Re: Richland School District receives PDE Safe Schools Targeted School Resource Officer Grant

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Richland School District awarded PDE School Resource Officer Grant

The Richland School District has been selected by the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Office for Safe Schools to receive a 2018-19 Safe Schools Targeted School Resource Officer Grant in the amount of \$59,998.50. The money provided by this grant will go directly to support the School Resource Officer Program in the Richland School District. The grant also provides \$30,000 for the 2019-2020 school year.

The current School Resource Officer Program has been operational in the district since 2016. The Richland School District has collaborated with the Richland Township Police to provide the district with a full- time township police officer. Since the beginning of the program, Officer Stephen Krestar has been the Resource Officer for the district.

This is the second time that the district has been awarded the Safe Schools Targeted School Resource Officer Grant. Funds totaling \$90,000, \$60,000 in 2016 and \$30,000 in 2017, have been awarded to the district to support the program. Additionally, Richland received a grant in the 2017-2018 school year from the Office of Safe Schools in the amount of nearly \$20,000 for improvements and upgrades to school safety equipment. The district upgraded communication and surveillance systems and purchased a visitor management system with funds from the grant.

The Richland School District remains committed to providing a safe learning environment for students; awards such as the Safe Schools Targeted School Resource Officer Grant and the Office of Safe Schools enable the district to ensure programs continue and that the district continues its mission.

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