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## **Camden City School District receives \$747,348 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice: STOP School Violence Program**

*2020 Grant to Support the Office of School Safety*

(Camden, NJ) – The Camden City School District has been selected to receive federal school safety funding under the U.S. Department of Justice: STOP School Violence Program. The grant is for the Office of School Safety in the amount of \$747,348.

The district received the award for Category 4 of the program. The purpose of this specific category is to develop and implement threat assessment and/or intervention teams. “The district will use the funds to train staff and to implement an evidence-based school safety plan,” said Karen Campbell, Senior Director of Grants.

“We are very honored to receive this additional support to help prevent school violence and allow our staff and students to thrive,” said Superintendent McCombs. “In addition to implementing an evidence-based school safety plan, we will also have the opportunity to conduct safety assessments of schools and individuals determined to be a potential threat to themselves or others,” stated Superintendent McCombs.

“This grant will allow my team and I to establish and enhance multidisciplinary teams that can proactively identify school violence threats and mitigate those risks before any threats can be acted upon,” said Terri Allen, Senior Director of School Safety. “By providing my staff with additional security measures, we can make our schools and community even safer,” she said.

The U.S. Department of Justice: STOP School Violence Grant Program is designed to improve school security by providing students and staff with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and help prevent acts of violence.

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