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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

August 24, 2023

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

The Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 198:15-y, III, I respectfully request approval to amend a grant award to Compass Classical Academy Charter School (VC#265964) as outlined below, by increasing the award amount by $73,031.55 from $18,786.55 to $91,818.10 for school security improvement projects, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2025. The original item was approved by the Fiscal Committee on September 9, 2022 (Item #FIS 22-303) and Executive Council on September 7, 2022 (Item #43) and amended by Fiscal Committee on August 11, 2023 (Item #FIS 23-235) and Executive Council on August 23, 2023 (Item #42). 100% General Funds.

Funds are available in the account titled, Public School Infrastructure Fund in FY24 as follows:

06-56-56-560010-19640000-073-500583 Grants Non-Federal

SAU	School District	School	Original Award	Increased Amount	Revised Award
429	Compass Classical Academy Charter School	Compass Classical Academy Charter School	$18,786.55	$73,031.55	$91,818.10

EXPLANATION

RSA 198:15-y created the Public School Infrastructure Commission and the Public School Infrastructure Fund with the purpose of providing funding for infrastructure projects for public elementary and secondary schools. The law allows for several categories of projects to be eligible for aid through the Public School Infrastructure Fund. One such category is "funding for the department of safety, division of homeland security and emergency management's school emergency readiness program to improve security in public schools, after the completion of a security assessment, and in consultation with municipal officials."

With the intent of improving security in NH schools, the Public School Infrastructure Commission developed and approved a Security Action for Education (SAFE) grant application that schools could use

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to apply for grant funds for eligible projects. The Commission agreed upon three general project categories that would be eligible for SAFE grant funding. These categories are access control, surveillance, and emergency alerting. In order for a project to be eligible for funding, the proposed activity was required to fall under one of these three categories.

Schools submitted applications to the Commission through the Homeland Security and Emergency Management's (HSEM's) portal, and HSEM then ranked the submitted applications based on a risk assessment.

Compass Classical Academy submitted an application under the emergency altering category, which received a SAFE grant award, and another application under the surveillance category, which did not receive an award. Compass Classical Academy subsequently submitted an appeal to the Public School Infrastructure Commission for their surveillance application to be re-evaluated for SAFE grant funding eligibility. This request explained that the school cannot move forward with the approved emergency alerting project without also moving forward with the surveillance project, as the activities for the two projects are interrelated and co-dependent.

The Public School Infrastructure Commission reviewed and approved Compass Classical Academy's request for increased SAFE grant funding. Having consulted with the Commission, I am requesting authorization to amend the grant limitation for Compass Classical Academy by $73,031.55 from $18,786.55 to $91,818.10.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Governor

July 19, 2023

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

The Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 198:15-y, III, I respectfully request approval to **retroactively** amend expenditure authorization from the Public-School Infrastructure Fund for school security improvement projects originally approved by the Executive Council on September 7, 2022 (Item #43) and Fiscal Committee on September 9, 2022 (Item #FIS 22-303) by extending the end date from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2025, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Executive Council approval. 100% General Funds.

EXPLANATION

This item is **retroactive** due to the request needing to be held until after the new fiscal year, when the Fiscal Committee would then have the authority to approve items for the FY24-25 biennium. The original accept and expend item was approved through June 30, 2023, as the request was only able to be submitted through the end of the FY22-23 biennium at that time.

RSA 198:15-y created the Public School Infrastructure Commission and the Public School Infrastructure Fund with the purpose of providing funding for infrastructure projects for public elementary and secondary schools. The law allows for several categories of projects to be eligible for aid through the Public School Infrastructure Fund. One such category is "funding for the department of safety, division of homeland security and emergency management's school emergency readiness program to improve security in public schools, after the completion of a security assessment, and in consultation with municipal officials."

With the intent of improving security in NH schools, the Public School Infrastructure Commission developed and approved a Security Action for Education (SAFE) grant application that schools could use to apply for grant funds for eligible projects. The Commission agreed upon three general project categories that would be eligible for SAFE grant funding. These categories are access control, surveillance, and emergency alerting. In order for a project to be eligible for funding, the proposed activity was required to fall under one of these three categories. Eligible projects were capped at $100,000 per school.

Schools submitted applications to the Commission through the Homeland Security and Emergency Management's (HSEM's) portal, and HSEM then ranked the submitted applications based on a risk assessment. There were 168 applications from 92 public schools approved for funding by Governor and Council on September 7, 2022 (Item #43) and Fiscal Committee on September 9, 2022 (Item #FIS 22-303).

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These SAFE grant recipients have until December 31, 2024 to expend all funds and complete all approved project activities. As of this request, all projects remain open and active. To date, $1,099,369.72 of the total $3,859,917.46 approved grant funding has been reimbursed to grantees, with the remaining $2,760,547.74 pending expenditure.

Approval of this extension will allow NHED to continue to reimburse New Hampshire public schools for the school security improvement grant awards previously approved by Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council.

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CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

August 26, 2022

The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

The Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 198:15-y, III, I respectfully request approval to authorize expenditures from the Public School Infrastructure Fund in the amount of $3,859,917.46 for school security improvement projects with the attached list of public elementary and secondary schools, contingent upon availability of funds per RSA 198:15-y, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023. 100% General Funds.

Funds are available in the account titled; Public School Infrastructure Fund as follows:

		FY23
06-56-56-560010-19640000-073-500583	Grants Non-Federal	$3,859,917.46

EXPLANATION

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With the intent of improving security in NH schools, the Public School Infrastructure Commission developed and approved a Security Action for Education (SAFE) grant application that schools could use to apply for grant funds for eligible projects. The Commission agreed upon three general project categories

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that would be eligible for SAFE grant funding. These categories are access control, emergency alerting, and surveillance. In order for a project to be eligible for funding, the proposed activity was required to fall under one of these three categories. Eligible projects were also capped at $100,000 per school.

Schools submitted applications to the Commission through the Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's (HSEM) School Resource Center, and HSEM then reviewed the submitted applications to assess potential risk based on a scoring rubric with five questions which were included as part of the application. The results of scoring rubric indicated the lower the score, the higher the risk. The highest potential score was a 7.0, and the average score was 5.9.

The applications were then ranked by risk and placement into one of five tiers; which resulted in 177 applications from 92 schools recommended for funding. The Commission reviewed and approved the HSEM ranking and project funding recommendations. Having consulted with the Commission, I am requesting authorization to expend funds for the attached list of projects.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ranked List of School Security Projects
(Sorted by District Name)

			Projects by Category				
SAU #	District	Name of School	AC	EA	SS	Requested	Awarded
7	Colebrook	Colebrook Academy and Elementary School	1			$ 20,000.00	$ 20,000.00
7	Pittsburg	Pittsburg School	1			$ 18,000.00	$ 18,000.00
7	Stewartstown	Stewartstown Community School	1			$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00
8	Concord	Rundlett Middle School			1	$ 32,688.93	$ 32,688.93
9	Conway	Kennett High School			1	$ 100,000.00	$ 100,000.00
10	Derry Cooperative	Derry Village School	1			$ 16,613.00	$ 16,613.00
10	Derry Cooperative	East Derry Memorial Elementary School	1			$ 17,302.00	$ 17,302.00
10	Derry Cooperative	Ernest P. Barka Elementary School	1			$ 17,957.00	$ 17,957.00
10	Derry Cooperative	Gilbert H. Hood Middle School	1			$ 3,739.00	$ 3,739.00
10	Derry Cooperative	Grinnell School	1			$ 15,032.00	$ 15,032.00
10	Derry Cooperative	South Range Elementary School	1			$ 20,078.50	$ 20,078.50
10	Derry Cooperative	West Running Brook Middle School	1			$ 2,279.00	$ 2,279.00
11	Dover	Dover Middle School	1			$ 29,558.00	$ 29,558.00
11	Dover	Dover Senior High School	1			$ 18,348.00	$ 18,348.00
11	Dover	Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School at Home Street	1			$ 15,148.00	$ 15,148.00
11	Dover	Garrison School	1			$ 18,998.00	$ 18,998.00
11	Dover	Woodman Park School	1			$ 27,841.00	$ 27,841.00
12	Londonderry	Londonderry Middle School	2	1		$ 216,600.00	$ 100,000.00
12	Londonderry	Londonderry Senior High School	2	1		$ 296,550.00	$ 100,000.00
12	Londonderry	Matthew Thornton Elementary School	2	1		$ 110,500.00	$ 100,000.00
12	Londonderry	Moose Hill School	2	1		$ 60,200.00	$ 60,200.00
12	Londonderry	North Londonderry Elementary School	2	1		$ 106,800.00	$ 100,000.00
12	Londonderry	South Londonderry Elementary School	2	1		$ 136,450.00	$ 100,000.00
20	Errol	Errol Consolidated Elementary School	1			$ 30,000.00	$ 30,000.00
21	Hampton Falls	Lincoln Akerman School	1			$ 15,000.00	$ 15,000.00
21	North Hampton	North Hampton School	1			$ 45,200.00	$ 45,200.00
21	South Hampton	South Hampton Barnard School	1			$ 12,000.00	$ 12,000.00
23	Haverhill Cooperative	Woodsville High School	1			$ 50,000.00	$ 50,000.00
26	Merrimack	James Mastricola Elementary School	1			$ 20,000.00	$ 20,000.00
26	Merrimack	James Mastricola Upper Elementary School	1			$ 20,000.00	$ 20,000.00
26	Merrimack	Merrimack High School	1			$ 20,000.00	$ 20,000.00
26	Merrimack	Merrimack Middle School	1			$ 20,000.00	$ 20,000.00
26	Merrimack	Reeds Ferry School	1			$ 20,000.00	$ 20,000.00
26	Merrimack	Thorntons Ferry School	1			$ 20,000.00	$ 20,000.00
27	Litchfield	Campbell High School		2		$ 49,387.00	$ 49,387.00
27	Litchfield	Griffin Memorial School		1		$ 8,387.00	$ 8,387.00
27	Litchfield	Litchfield Middle School		2		$ 47,387.00	$ 47,387.00

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SAU #	District	Name of School	Projects by Category: AC	EA	L	Requested	Awarded
28	Pelham	Pelham High School			1	$ 21,485.00	$ 21,485.00
31	Newmarket	Newmarket Elementary School	1			$ 9,014.00	$ 9,014.00
31	Newmarket	Newmarket Jr. Sr. High School	1			$ 30,806.00	$ 30,806.00
33	Raymond	Raymond High School			1	$ 88,985.00	$ 88,985.00
36	White Mountains Regional	Whitefield Elementary School	1			$ 36,500.00	$ 36,500.00
42	Nashua	Broad Street Elementary School	1			$ 15,000.00	$ 15,000.00
42	Nashua	Charlotte Ave. Elementary School	1			$ 4,000.00	$ 4,000.00
42	Nashua	Dr. Norman W. Crisp School	2			$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00
42	Nashua	Elm Street Middle School		1		$ 100,000.00	$ 100,000.00
42	Nashua	Fairgrounds Elementary School	1			$ 4,000.00	$ 4,000.00
42	Nashua	Fairgrounds Middle School	1			$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00
42	Nashua	Ledge Street School	1			$ 4,000.00	$ 4,000.00
42	Nashua	Nashua High School North	1			$ 19,000.00	$ 19,000.00
42	Nashua	Nashua High School South	1			$ 20,000.00	$ 20,000.00
42	Nashua	New Searles School			1	$ 77,600.00	$ 77,600.00
42	Nashua	Pennichuck Middle School	1			$ 8,000.00	$ 8,000.00
42	Nashua	Sunset Heights School	1			$ 15,000.00	$ 15,000.00
47	Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative	Conant High School	1			$ 89,272.00	$ 89,272.00
47	Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative	Jaffrey-Rindge Middle School	1			$ 70,554.00	$ 70,554.00
48	Campton	Campton Elementary School	1	1	1	$ 69,790.52	$ 69,790.52
48	Holderness	Holderness Central School	1		1	$ 51,171.56	$ 51,171.56
48	Plymouth	Plymouth Elementary School	2	1		$ 72,869.66	$ 72,869.66
48	Pemi-Baker Regional	Plymouth Regional High School	1			$ 65,866.50	$ 65,866.50
48	Rumney	Russell Elementary School	1			$ 35,160.00	$ 35,160.00
48	Thornton	Thornton Central School			1	$ 99,000.00	$ 99,000.00
48	Waterville Valley	Waterville Valley Elementary School	1		1	$ 99,025.00	$ 99,025.00
48	Wentworth	Wentworth Elementary School	1		1	$ 57,261.42	$ 57,261.42
50	Greenland	Greenland Central School		1	1	$ 85,100.00	$ 85,100.00
50	Newington	Newington Public School		1		$ 33,000.00	$ 33,000.00
50	Rye	Rye Elementary School	1	1		$ 74,650.00	$ 74,650.00
50	Rye	Rye Junior High School	2	1		$ 68,600.00	$ 68,600.00
52	Portsmouth	Portsmouth High School	1			$ 27,650.00	$ 27,650.00
52	Portsmouth	Portsmouth Middle School	1			$ 7,650.00	$ 7,650.00
54	Rochester	Rochester Middle School	1			$ 60,000.00	$ 60,000.00
57	Salem	Dr. G.E. Soule School	3	4	2	$ 91,625.00	$ 91,625.00
57	Salem	Mary A. Fisk Elementary School	2	4		$ 55,425.00	$ 55,425.00
57	Salem	North Salem Elementary School	2	4	2	$ 86,325.00	$ 86,325.00

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SAU #	District	Name of School	Projects by Category AC	EA	S	Requested	Awarded
57	Salem	Salem High School	3	5	3	$ 208,825.00	$ 100,000.00
57	Salem	William E. Lancaster School	3	4		$ 50,225.00	$ 50,225.00
57	Salem	William T. Barron Elementary School	3	4		$ 57,025.00	$ 57,025.00
57	Salem	Woodbury School	2	4		$ 77,025.00	$ 77,025.00
60	Fall Mountain Regional	North Walpole School	1	1		$ 74,475.00	$ 74,475.00
62	Mascoma Valley Regional	Indian River School	1			$ 32,000.00	$ 32,000.00
62	Mascoma Valley Regional	Mascoma Valley Regional High School	2	1		$ 51,000.00	$ 51,000.00
63	Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative	Florence Rideout Elementary School		1		$ 28,059.00	$ 28,059.00
63	Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative	Lyndeborough Central School	1	1		$ 25,983.82	$ 25,983.82
63	Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative	Wilton Lyndeboro Senior High School		1		$ 26,064.00	$ 26,064.00
83	Fremont	Ellis School	1			$ 3,925.00	$ 3,925.00
202	Pinkerton Academy	Pinkerton Academy	1			$ 19,625.00	$ 19,625.00
408	Ledyard Charter School	Ledyard Charter School			1	$ 20,000.00	$ 20,000.00
419	Polaris Charter School	Polaris Charter School		1		$ 3,522.00	$ 3,522.00
425	Gate City Charter School For the Arts	Gate City Charter School for the Arts	2	1		$ 4,200.00	$ 4,200.00
429	Compass Classical Academy Charter School	Compass Classical Academy Charter School		1		$ 18,786.55	$ 18,786.55
451	Heartwood Public Charter School	Heartwood Public Charter	1	1	1	$ 91,920.00	$ 91,920.00
453	Lionheart Classical Academy Chartered Public School	Lionheart Classical Academy Chartered Public School	4		1	$ 86,553.00	$ 86,553.00
		Total	100	56	21	$ 4,335,642.46	$ 3,859,917.46

Categories
AC - Access Control
EA - Emergency Alerting
S - Surveillance

Awards Capped at $100k/school