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A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

- Date:November 18, 2020To:Chief School Administrators
- Route To: School Business Administrators, Certified Educational Facilities Managers, School Security Specialists
- From: Kevin Dehmer, Assistant Commissioner/CFO Division of Finance

Deadline: December 21, 2020

Bond Act School Security Grant Deadline Extended

On October 9, 2020, the New Jersey Department of Education <u>announced the opening</u> of grant applications for the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act School Security, Water Infrastructure, and County Vocational School District (CVSD) Career and Technical Education (CTE) grants in the NJDOE's Homeroom online portal. At that time, the School Security Grant deadline was set for November 20, 2020. With the understanding that districts continue to face challenges with issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in order to provide sufficient time for districts to secure necessary Alyssa's Law compliance approval from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (NJSDA) and complete their School Security Grant applications, **the deadline for this grant has been extended to December 21, 2020**.

Key steps/actions

Districts without Alyssa's Law compliance or proposed compliance approval from NJSDA should work through the EWEG system in a timely manner to allow for sufficient time to complete the School Security Grant application. Districts are reminded that an Alyssa's Law compliance application **is not a grant application**, and districts must also complete the School Security Grant application, also in EWEG, to qualify for a School Security Grant.

All districts should review the <u>final guidelines</u>, the <u>regulations</u>, and the <u>grant application instructions</u> located on the School Facilities <u>webpage</u>.

Contact information

For questions regarding the School Security Grant, please contact NJDOE at <u>SecurityGrant@doe.nj.gov</u>.

For questions regarding Alyssa's Law compliance, please contact NJSDA at <u>Alyssaslaw@njsda.gov</u>.

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