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To: Chief School Administrators

Route To: School Business Administrators, Certified Educational Facilities Managers, School Security Specialists

From: Glenn Forney, Assistant Commissioner/Chief Financial Officer

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Deadlines: School Security – November 20, 2020

Water Infrastructure – November 20, 2020 Career and Technical Education – March 1, 2021

Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act Grant Applications Open

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is pleased to announce the opening of grant applications for the School Security, Water Infrastructure Improvement, and County Vocational School District (CVSD) Career and Technical Education (CTE) grants in the NJDOE's Homeroom online portal. The grants are funded by the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act, which authorized the issuance of \$500 million in bonds to fund these key improvements to New Jersey school facilities and for the expansion of career and technical education.

Key steps/actions

The grant applications are now available on NJDOE Homeroom. The School Security Grant application is available through the link to the EWEG system, and the applications for the Water Infrastructure Improvement and CVSD CTE grants are available through separate links on the NJDOE Homeroom webpage. School districts applying for the grants should review the Grant Application Instructions and Final Guidelines posted on the School Facilities webpage, as well as the regulations governing the grants. School Security and Water Infrastructure Improvement grant applications are due on November 20, 2020, and the CVSD CTE grant application is due March 1, 2021.

Please note that districts will not be able to access the School Security Grant application without a determination of compliance with Alyssa's Law.

Contact information

For more information regarding the School Security grant application, please email SecurityGrant@doe.nj.gov; for information on the Water Infrastructure Improvement grant application, email WaterGrant@doe.nj.gov; and for information on the CVSD CTE grant application, email CTEgrant@doe.nj.gov. Districts should continue to contact the New Jersey Schools Development Authority regarding Alyssa's Law compliance at alyssaslaw@njsda.gov.

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