



## Local Georgia School Districts Receive GSBA Safety Grants

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The Georgia School Boards Association, Risk Management Services (RMS) is pleased to announce the 2018-19 Safety Grant recipients.

The grants are available to assist and improve safety in local school systems.

“Safety of Georgia’s public school students and faculty have been and always will be a priority for us,” said Valarie Wilson, GSBA Executive Director. “We are excited to provide an opportunity to highlight and support our school districts in their important work of educating children.”

This year’s total grant money awarded is \$50,000. The GSBA RMS received 50 applications which represents over 50% of the RMS membership.

GSBA Director of Risk Management Services, Mr. Cliff Cole stated, “Our Risk Management Services staff are committed to ensuring our member schools receive the supports and resources needed to implement safety programs and procedures.”

All applications were sent to the GSBA office where a selection committee read and reviewed the entries. Three representatives from different departments of the GSBA Risk Management Services division reviewed the anonymous applications. All were evaluated on a comparative basis. After careful consideration of each application, the following were selected:

**Appling County** **\$5,000**  
To purchase security cameras for two of their schools

**Bacon County** **\$2,307** (*specific projects only*)  
To purchase security camera system for one of their school buses

**Barrow County** **\$4,799**  
To purchase 23 hydraulic lift cart/tables. One at each of their facilities. These lifts will enable employees to move heavy objects safely and with less injury risk

**Dodge County** **\$3,000**  
To provide controlled access and perimeter fencing on a campus that high foot traffic due to the neighborhood it is located

**Elbert County** **\$1,000** (*specific projects only*)  
To address the issues of several near-misses on the campus of the middle school by purchasing 3 sets of speed bumps for the parking lot area

**Emanuel County** **\$5,000**

To address the number of food service employee incidents, the grant money will be used to purchase slip resistant shoes, utility carts, wet floor cones and cart to transport food and coolers to classrooms.

**Fayette County** **\$5,000**

To make a concerted effort to combat food service injuries by implementing slip, trip and fall training, slip resistant testing, and providing specialized shoes for food service workers

**Houston County** **\$2,750**

Due to the layout of school campuses being so different and through the recommendation of their district safety committee, the grant will be used to provide a standard numbering system for the buildings and external doors. This numbering system will assist emergency personnel in the event of a crisis event

**Jasper County** **\$4,981**

Based on the recommendation of their district safety committee and needs to be proactive in a crisis event, the grant will be used to purchase red emergency backpacks and first aid kit for each classroom. Training will also be provided

**Jefferson City** **\$5,000**

Based on increased slips, trips and falls, the grant will be used to purchase interior and exterior “water hog” mats where water and other spills are a big concern

**Pelham City** **\$3,614** (*specific projects only*)

Due to several break-ins and vandalism over the past few years, the grant will be used to purchase an alarm system for their multipurpose building

**Savannah-Chatham County** **\$5,000**

After documentation of 31 white and yellow fleet accidents within their parking facilities, the money will be used to purchase additional lighting and security cameras

**Wayne County** **\$5,000**

To purchase 3 step ladders for each school site. The district is making an effort in several areas to decrease employee incidents

**About GSBA Risk Management Services**

GSBA Risk Management Services (RMS) offers protection through its group-self-insurance plans for workers’ compensation, property and liability risks. RMS partners with Georgia public school systems and goes far beyond the normal service of a commercial insurance broker. The staff builds relationships with its members and provides training and information to assist members in successfully managing their risks.

**About GSBA**

The mission of the Georgia School Boards Association is to ensure excellence in the governance of local school systems by providing leadership, advocacy and services, and by representing the collective resolve of Georgia’s 180 elected boards of education.