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Waterford School District, 1150 Scott Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328

## **U.S. Department of Education Awards \$218,999 grant to Waterford School District to Strengthen Emergency Planning**

**September 5, 2004, Waterford, Mich.** – The U.S. Department of Education announced that the Waterford School District is the recipient of the Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant, awarding \$218,999. The District was also awarded this grant in 2004. This award will allow the District to strengthen its crisis plan through staff training, parent education, and collaboration with local providers. Some of the projects within this grant include:

- Develop and implement a school safety threat assessment program
- Develop an infectious disease plan
- Develop and implement a biosecurity management plan for food service
- Conduct parent workshops related to emergency planning
- Purchase fingerprinting equipment and additional security cameras
- Provide continued emergency response training for staff
- Coordinate with state and local entities to fully implement the National Incident Management System (NIMS)

The Emergency Response and Crisis Management program supports local school districts' efforts to improve and strengthen school emergency response and crisis management plans, including training school personnel and students in emergency response procedures. Waterford is only one of two Michigan school districts, and the only Oakland County school district, to be awarded this grant.

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