

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-305 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Standardized Assessment and Reporting (SAR) Initiative for School Violence Prevention in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the DeKalb County School District, at 1701 Mountain Industrial Blvd, Stone Mountain, GA, 30083.

The funding would be used to implement a districtwide Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) framework and Anonymous Reporting System (ARS) across 138 schools serving 91,000+ students.

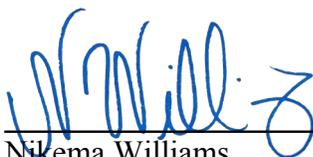
The project strengthens proactive violence prevention by standardizing multidisciplinary threat assessment teams, deploying a secure 24/7 anonymous reporting platform accessible in multiple languages, and delivering training to staff and students.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this request funds evidence-based violence prevention systems rather than reactive infrastructure. It strengthens early detection, reduces costly disciplinary removals, and improves student outcomes. Federal seed funding enables scalable, districtwide implementation in Year One, after which the district will assume sustainability costs. The project directly supports public safety.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Nikema Williams
Member of Congress