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School Security Deficiencies Partially Addressed in Omnibus Bill

WILMINGTON, DE – MARCH 23, 2018 – Robert Boyd, executive director of the Secure Schools Alliance released the following statement on the passage of omnibus spending bill:

"School security funding in the omnibus spending bill is a positive step to secure more than 100,000 schools across the United States. We applaud the actions taken by Congress and the critical role it plays in securing our schools, but there is more to be done.

"The bill only includes mandates and limited funding that a small percentage of schools can access to improve their physical security.

"Solutions for improving the security of schools should be determined by local communities not Washington. The funding formula in the bill places a disproportionate focus on training, rather than allowing states and local schools to determine the best solutions based on their needs.

"Protecting our nation's children should be everybody's top priority.

"We will continue working with Congress to provide guidance for standards, policies and procedures and additional funding to improve school security infrastructure to ensure all students can focus on their grades - not their safety."

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About the Secure Schools Alliance

The Secure Schools Alliance and Secure Schools Research and Education is taking a leadership role in launching a national conversation about the issue of school safety and advocating a course of action for addressing it. This convening of education, industry, public safety, law enforcement, corporate and community leaders will work together to ensure the security of our nation's schools through federal and state policy, legislation, research, pilot programs and the promotion of best practices. The goal is to improve the security infrastructure, security technology and life safety systems of all public K-12 schools. For more information visit:

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