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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Lafayette School Corporation receives \$400,000 grant through
Bipartisan Safer Communities Act**

The Lafayette School Corporation has been awarded a grant through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which will help fund critical mental health services for students in the district. The \$400,000 Strong Connections award will fund staff and services that will aid our students as they navigate these mental health challenges, helping them be successful in school.

The BiPartisan Safer Communities Act was signed into law by President Biden on June 25, 2022. This legislation expands vital mental health services and provides additional support for States and districts to design and enhance initiatives that will promote safer, more inclusive, and positive school environments for all students, educators, and school staff.

The BSCA includes \$1 billion through Title IV, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for SEAs to competitively award subgrants to high-need LEAs to establish safer and healthier learning environments, and to prevent and respond to acts of bullying, violence, and hate that impact our school communities at individual and systemic levels, among other programs and activities. The Department has designated this component of the BSCA the Stronger Connections Grant Program.

The Department will continue to provide support and resources to schools and communities on how to create safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments for all students and educators.

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