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St. James Parish Schools Receive Grant Funding for School Safety

The St. James Parish School System would like to announce that several of its schools have received funding from the Louisiana State NonProfit Security Grant Program. All St. James Parish Schools were given the opportunity to apply for the funding. Several schools submitted applications, and two schools have been awarded the grant. Gramercy Elementary School Principal Lynesia Raymond was awarded \$21,508.00 and Sixth Ward Elementary School Principal Taira Every was awarded \$5,305.00. Principal Raymond and Principal Every have planned projects for each of their sites to enhance the overall safety and security of their school premises.

The Louisiana State NonProfit Security Grant Program funds school safety and security-related matters. This grant program is part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by the Louisiana Legislation to help strengthen Louisiana communities.

Mrs. Raymond stated, "My number one goal is to be aware of potential dangers... I acknowledge the crucial role physical security plays in safeguarding our students, staff and assets. Schools have a responsibility to provide a secure environment where students can thrive, and robust physical security measures play an instrumental role in achieving this goal." Mrs. Every shared that, "by combining technology with vigilant planning, our school can create and maintain an environment where education and safety go hand-in-hand to ensure a brighter and more secure future for students and staff alike."

St. James Parish Schools considers the safety of its students and staff to be a high priority. This grant funding will be an asset in continuing to prioritize safety and security across St. James Parish Schools.