



# News Release

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## Center Grove Receives \$50,000 State Grant for School Resource Officers

GREENWOOD, IN (June 4, 2014)—The Indiana Department of Homeland Security awarded Center Grove Community School Corporation a \$50,000 grant through the FY 2015 Indiana Secured School Safety Grant Program. Center Grove will use the grant to help cover the cost of its three full-time school resource officers (SRO). The district's police department also includes and a dog trained in narcotics detection.

"We are extremely pleased to receive this grant for a second year," said Dr. Bill Long, assistant superintendent of Center Grove schools. "The safety of our students and staff is a top priority for us. We have invested in our police department as part of our commitment. This grant will offset a substantial portion of that cost."

Governor Pence announced Wednesday the \$9 million in grants for 250 schools in the state. This is the second year for the Secured School Safety Grant Program. Center Grove received \$50,000 in November 2013 as part of the program. To qualify for a \$50,000 grant, the school or coalition must have an average daily membership of at least 1,000 students.

The Secured School Safety Grant Program is a dedicated fund that provides matching grants to school corporations, charter schools, or coalitions of school corporations and/or charter schools applying jointly to employ a school resource officer, conduct a threat assessment, and/or purchase equipment to restrict access to the school or expedite the notification of first responders

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### **About Center Grove Community School Corporation**

*Center Grove Community School Corporation is a public school system that serves the 42,000 residents of White River Township in Johnson County, Indiana, approximately 20 miles south of Indianapolis.*

*Center Grove's staff of 900 is dedicated to the education of approximately 7,700 students in grades Kindergarten through 12. The district is the 32nd largest in the state with five elementary schools (Center Grove, Maple Grove, North Grove, Pleasant Grove, and Sugar Grove), two middle schools (Center Grove Central and Center Grove North), and one high school (Center Grove High School).*

*Center Grove's mission is to develop knowledgeable, confident and responsible citizens.*