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## Security Assessment Program

### Background

In the aftermath of the Sandy Hook shooting (Newtown, CT) in December 2012, WSSCA's executive director received more than a dozen phone calls and emails from principals and superintendents requesting a security assessment of their schools from the WSSCA staff. Due to the unusual demand, the WSSCA Board of Directors created a team of assessors to respond. Each of the team members has over fifteen years of experience in Wisconsin in school safety, law enforcement, or both. The team developed a 25-point checklist and they began assessing schools throughout Wisconsin. Thus far, sixty-three schools have been assessed. The reviews from customers have been very positive.

### Assessments Include:

- The assessment consists of a visit by two experienced WSSCA school security assessors who will meet with school leaders, review the school crisis plan, key control program, memorandums of understanding, and then walk through the facility.
- The Assessment Team will provide verbal feedback regarding observations.
- Approximate time is 4 hours. A complete written report will follow within ten working days.
- Handouts of vitally important supporting guidance/recommendations are provided at the time to ensure the school has all the information necessary to improve its security posture.

- The Assessment Team needs about 30 minutes of time at the beginning AND at the end of the assessment. All key members of the school leadership are invited to accompany the Assessment Team and ask questions.

### Sample Questions from WSSCA's 25-point Checklist

1. Does the school have a crisis plan?
2. Is access to the school adequately controlled?
3. Has the school staff received security training?
4. Does the school have an adequate camera system?
5. Is the school in compliance with state statute #118.07 (Act 309)?

### Cost:

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, through an Emergency Management Grant, will reimburse **a district** the cost of the Security Assessment/s as follows:

\$1,000 for 1 building  
\$1,500 for 2 buildings  
Additional buildings reimbursed at \$250 per assessment, up to a total of 8 buildings and \$3,000 in subsidies (Maximum Reimbursement)

REIMBURSEMENT IS AVAILABLE  
**ONLY** UNTIL MARCH 30, 2017

**If you would like an estimate for the full cost of a Security Assessment before the reimbursement please contact:**

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