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Immediate Release

Hudson County Board of Commissioners authorize the acceptance of a \$223,850 grant from the United States Department of Justice for a Stop School Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Program

Hudson County- The Hudson County Board of Commissioners authorizes the acceptance of a \$223,850 grant from the United States Department of Justice for a Stop School Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Program.

The purpose of the United States Department of Justice grant is to prevent and reduce school violence through training of school personnel, educating students, developing and operating anonymous reporting systems, developing and operating school threat assessments and crisis intervention teams. The grant will also be utilized to supplement activities already overseen by the Hudson County Children's Interagency Coordinating Council.

Rutgers University will provide individualized school driven support, technical assistance and training to Hudson County Districts to improve climate.

The County will use the funding to contract with professional entities to host activities that include, but are not limited to: Training sessions for teachers and school personnel designed to prevent student violence, education sessions for students with the intent to prevent school violence and training sessions for school officials related to responding to

mental health crisis that may precipitate violent attacks on school grounds.

The grant will be for the term of October 1, 2022 thru September 30, 2025.

Board Chairman Anthony Vainieri and the Hudson County Board of Commissioners are committed to providing the necessary resources to assist school officials, school personnel and students in order to prevent school violence and help those individuals who are dealing with issues pertaining to mental illness.

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