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TO: Chief School Administrators/Charter School Lead Persons
FROM: Anthony Bland, coordinator, Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning
SUBJECT: COPS Secure Our Schools (SOS) 2011 Grant Program

APPLICATIONS DUE: The first application deadline for priority consideration will be **May 25, 2011**. The second and final deadline for all applications will be **June 8, 2011**.

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) would like to inform you of a grant opportunity available through partnership between the U.S. Department of Justice and School Safety Advocacy Council for the **COPS Secure our School (SOS) Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2010**. Approximately \$13 million will be available under SOS to provide funding to law enforcement agencies to assist with the development of school safety resources and provide improved security at schools and on school grounds.

Specifically, this program will fund up to 50% of the total cost to implement one or more of the following options: **placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures; security assessments; anti-violence initiatives; security training of personnel and students; coordination with local law enforcement; and/or any other measure that may provide a significant improvement in security**. Applicants will be required to demonstrate a comprehensive approach to preventing school violence.

Application information can be found at: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2368>

If you have any further questions, please contact Executive Director Curtis Lavarello at (941) 232-4633 or via e-mail at resourcer@aol.com.