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**Seven EBR Schools Awarded $50,000 Grants for Safety, Security Upgrades**

**BATON ROUGE, LA —** The Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) has awarded $350,000 in funding to seven East Baton Rouge Parish schools to support critical safety and security upgrades.

The grant will help improve protection measures by allocating $50,000 to each of the following school sites:

* LaBelle Aire Elementary
* McKinley Middle
* Claiborne Elementary
* Belaire High
* Park Elementary
* Southeast Middle
* Glen Oaks High

This initiative represents a significant investment in strengthening physical security and enhancing campus crisis response capabilities. Planned upgrades include the installation of advanced Visitor Management Systems to better monitor and regulate campus access; 2-way radios for immediate and coordinated communication; and door alarms to alert staff to unauthorized access at key entry points.

Additional improvements involve the placement of wayfinding safety signage to guide visitors and reinforce security protocols, as well as the installation of fencing and gates to establish clear boundaries and control campus access. Security cameras will also be added to provide ongoing surveillance and critical support for incident investigations.

Together, these comprehensive measures are designed to reduce potential risks, promote safer learning environments and ensure a more secure experience for students, staff and visitors across the district.