The School's Role in Keeping Students and Staff Safe

A Proactive Classroom Safety Solution for K–12 Schools

Presented to: Superintendent & District Leadership
Purpose: Enhance classroom safety, staff response time, and student protection
Solution Category: Emergency Alert & Staff Safety Technology

Safe touch

Medical Alert Provider

STATEMENT OF NEED

KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

School districts continue to face increased safety challenges, including medical emergencies, behavioral incidents, unauthorized intrusions, and threats that require immediate response.

Traditional communication methods such as intercoms, two-way radios or mobile applications, can be impractical or unsafe during high-stress situations where discretion, speed, and simplicity are essential. Teachers and staff need an immediate method to request assistance without leaving students unattended or drawing attention to the situation.

Proposed Solution

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We would like to propose implementing the SafeTouch™ Self-Alert System, a wearable, one-touch emergency alert solution designed specifically for K–12 school environments.
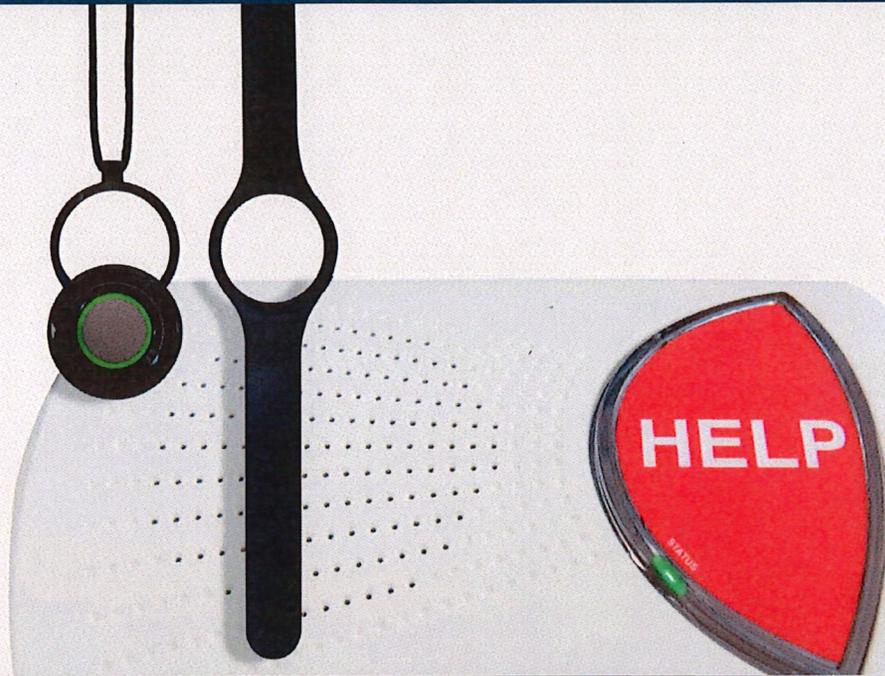
SafeTouch™ enables staff members to instantly and silently alert designated response teams, improving response time and coordination during emergencies. The system provides a proactive layer of safety that complements existing emergency protocols and safety measures.

- Reduce emergency response time
- Protect students and staff
- Provide peace of mind for families and educators
- Align with state and federal school safety

What Is SafeTouch™ Self-Alert System ?

SAFETOUCH™ IS A WIRELESS, WEARABLE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS STAFF TO SILENTLY SIGNAL FOR HELP DURING

01	Intruder threats
02	Medical emergencies
03	Student crisis
04	Violent or disruptive behavior
05	School bus incident

HOW IT WORKS

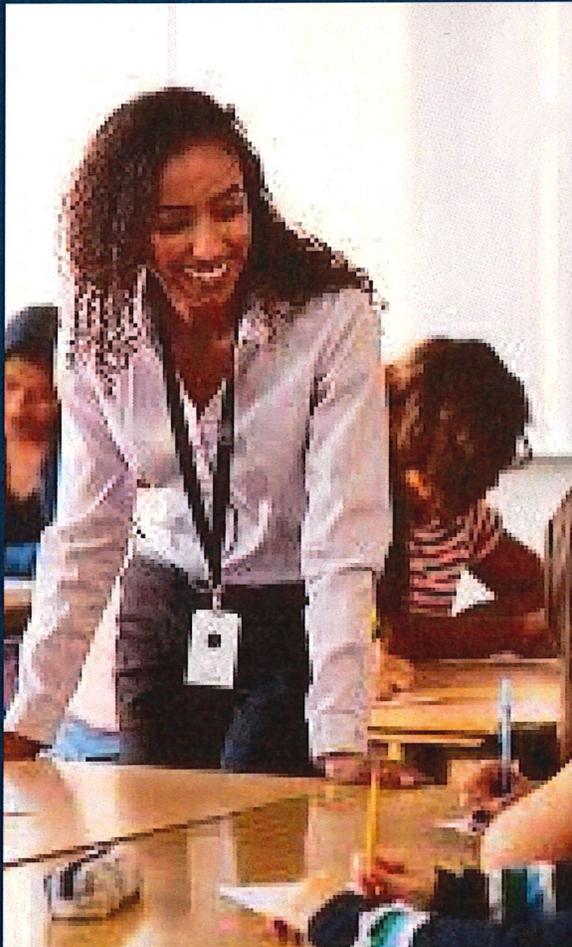**01** Staff member wears a SafeTouch device

02 In an emergency, the button is pressed

03 Alert is transmitted instantly to designated response team

04 Location or zone of the alert is identified

Teachers and school staff require a reliable, discreet, and immediate method to summon assistance during emergencies in compliance with Ohio's school safety planning requirements.

Program Alignment

This project aligns directly with the Ohio School Safety Grant Program's purpose to improve the safety and security of Ohio schools through prevention, preparedness, and rapid response initiatives.

OHIO AND FEDERAL BASED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- Ohio School Safety Center (OSSC)
- The Ohio School Bus Safety Grant Program
- School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)
- School Safety and Security Grant (SSSG) Program
- Federal: STOP School Violence Act (BJA)
- Federal: COPS School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)

Use of Grant Funds (Allowable Costs)

Grant funds are allowable for safety technology costs that include:

- Purchase of SafeTouch™ wearable alert devices
- Emergency alert receivers and system components
- System installation and configuration
- Staff training on emergency use and response protocols

ORC §5502.70 - §5502.72
permits grant funds to be used for equipment, technology, and systems designed to improve school safety, including communication tools that support emergency response and violence prevention.

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This project directly contributes to Ohio's goal of safe, supportive learning environments.

01. Reduce response time during classroom and school emergencies

02. Improve coordination between teachers, administrators, and safety personnel

03. Increase staff confidence and preparedness during emergency situations

04. Support a safe and secure learning environment

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

01. SafeTouch™ devices will be deployed to designated staff members
02. Implementation will be completed with minimal disruption
03. Staff will receive training on system use and response protocols
04. The system will be operational immediately following installation

In Conclusion

Ensuring the safety and well-being of students and school staff remains a critical priority for school districts in our state. Schools face an increasing need for rapid, discreet, and reliable emergency communication tools to address medical emergencies, behavioral incidents, intruder threats, and other safety concerns without escalating risk.

The proposed SafeTouch™ Self-Alert System supports Ohio's priorities by:

- Enhancing emergency communication capabilities
- Supporting violence prevention and threat mitigation
- Improving response coordination during critical incidents
- Protecting students, educators, and school personnel

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