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**BARROW ANNOUNCES \$554,000 IN SCHOOL SAFETY
GRANTS FOR RICHMOND COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Washington, DC – Congressman John Barrow (GA-12) announced today that the Richmond County Department of Public Safety will receive \$554,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in school safety resource grants to assist them with school safety measures. The grants were awarded under the COPS Secure Our Schools program, which supports security improvements in schools.

The grants will provide up to 50 percent of the cost of installing metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other equipment that deter crime. The grants can also be used to cover 50 percent of the cost of security assessments and training.

“The men and women who keep our schools safe are keeping our kids safe – and there’s no job that’s more important than that,” said Barrow. “We need to get them all of the equipment and training that they need.”

Since 1995, COPS has invested more than \$11.3 billion to support community policing, including grants awarded to more than 13,600 state and local law enforcement agencies.

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