Governor DeWine Announces New Employment Services for Veterans and Military Spouses

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Director Matt Damschroder today announced two new services for veterans and military spouses on OhioMeansJobs.com.

Veterans registered on the website are now prompted to complete a brief questionnaire asking if they would like to receive one-on-one help with their job searches. In addition, the resumes of military spouses are now designated with a red and blue "S" to make them stand out to military-friendly employers - much like veterans' resumes that are flagged with a "V."

"We are proud that Ohio is home to the

fifth-largest veteran population in the nation and we are always looking for ways to support our military members and their families," said Governor DeWine. "By offering individualized assistance to veterans and military spouses during their job search, we are creating another way to say 'thank you' to our servicemen and women and continuing our commitment to making Ohio the most military-friendly state in the coun-

Veterans who indicate they would like one-on-one assistance with their job searches are contacted by an employment specialist at their local OhioMeansJobs Center. Ohio has OhioMeansJobs Centers in every county. Veterans and their spouses can visit the centers for help writing their resumes, practicing interviewing, and applying for jobs in their area. They also can attend employment workshops, get career coaching, and get referrals to local training program service providers. All veterans in Ohio are given priority of service in referrals to job openings and other services.

"Ohio's 700,000-plus servicemen and women served our nation honorably, and their spouses have made sacrifices as well," said Director Damschroder. "These are just two additional ways we can repay them, by helping connect them to meaningful civilian employment with employers who value and honor them."

At OhioMeansJobs.com, veterans can get help translating their military job experience into civilian experience, post their resumes, and find hiring events in their area. They also can view a Military-Friendly Employer Registry which lists employers who are looking to recruit and hire veterans. To date, more than 7,400 Ohio employers have designated themselves as military-friendly. This means they are interested in employing and supporting members of the military, veterans, and their spouses.

For more information on resources available to service members, visit the Military Members and Their Families web page. November 10, 2022

Governor DeWine Announces Safety and Security Support for Colleges and Universities

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine today announced that 33 colleges and universities in Ohio will receive a total of \$5 million in funding for security projects that enhance the safety of students and staff.

"These funds will go directly toward helping our institutions of higher education become more secure," said Governor DeWine. "The importance of campus safety cannot be overstated, and Ohio is committed to supporting efforts that keep our colleges and universities safe."

The grant awards are part of the 2022 Campus Safety Grant Program, which was

Senate Bill 310 of the 133rd General Assembly. The Ohio School Safety Center, which is a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, reviewed the campus safety grant applications in consultation with the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Funds will be used to cover expenses associated with physical security enhancements such as security cameras, door locks, alarms, public address systems, and metal detectors.

"Part of preparing students for future success is ensuring they feel safe on their campuses," said Ohio Department of Education Chanfunded with support from the Ohio legislature in cellor Randy Gardner. "Through these grants,

focus on helping our colleges and universities

provide for the safest learning environments possi-

To be eligible for grant funding, colleges and universities conducted a security and vulnerability assessment to identify areas in need of

the DeWine-Husted Administration continues to safety enhancements. *November 21*, 2022



Governor DeWine & Governor Whitmer Place Wager on The Game

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer placed a friendly wager ahead of the rivalry football game between The Ohio State University and the University of Michigan, commonly referred to as "The Game."

"With Ohio State and Michigan both undefeated entering The Game, and with Big Ten Championship Game and College Football Playoff berths on the line, the eyes of American sports fans will be on Columbus, Ohio and Ohio Stadium tomorrow," said Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. "I am proud of and confident in our Buckeye football team again this year, and am I willing to put a little skin in The Game with another friendly wager showcasing great Ohio mous buckeye candies in 2019.

This year, Governor DeWine offered Buckeve Pizza from Adriatico's on the OSU campus; Stewart's Root Beer, which was founded in Mansfield, Ohio, in 1924; and the iconic Jumbo Cream Puffs from Schmidt's Sausage Haus in Columbus. In 2021, he bet an assortment of Ohio-made sweets, including cream puffs from Schmidt's, black raspberry chip ice cream from Graeter's in Cincinnati, chocolate-covered pretzels from Malley's in Cleveland, and buckeye candies from Marsha's Homemade Buckeyes in Perrysburg. Governor DeWine also wagered a basket of Ohio's fa-

"In the 118-year history of The Game, this weekend's match-up might be the most consequential to date with two undefeated teams putting their seasons on the line," said Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer. "However, when the clock runs out, only one team will be crowned The Victors. That's why I'm feeling good about this year's bet with Governor DeWine of Ohio. After this win, it's on to the Big Ten Championship game and almost certainly a guaranteed spot in the College Football Playoffs. Go Blue!"

This year, Governor Whitmer put forward a Detroit-style gift package, including the famous November 25, 2022

Buddy's pizza, a dessert from Good Cakes and Bakes, and a case of Vernor's ginger ale, which is known to cure any ailment except maybe a big loss to the Wolverines. In 2021, she wagered a gift package of famous Michigan-made cherry sweets and treats from Cherry Republic in Glen Arbor. In 2019, Governor Whitmer bet a box of goodies from Zingerman's in Ann Arbor.

On Saturday, November 26 at noon, the Ohio State Buckeyes will host the Michigan Wolver ines for the 118th meeting of "The Game." First played in 1897, the Buckeyes have won 17 out of the last 20 meetings between the

Governor DeWine Announces \$57.8 Million in Safety Grants for Ohio Schools

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced today that the state will support the installation of security upgrades at more than 700 K-12 schools across Ohio.

A total of 708 schools in 57 counties will receive \$57.8 million in grant funding to enhance student and staff safety. Governor DeWine is awarding the funds as part of his K-12 School Safety Grant Program, which helps schools with physical security expenses, such as new security cameras, public address systems, automatic door locks, visitor badging systems, and exterior lighting.

"We are being proactive in keeping our schools safe in Ohio. Student and staff safety is paramount," said Governor DeWine. "These safety grants are helping schools create environments that are secure and welcoming for teachers and their students."

round, \$5 million in state funding was awarded to 95 schools in 27 counties. Governor DeWine then partnered with the Ohio General Assembly to increase funding for the program by an additional \$100 million, and he announced the availability of the second round of funding in August, totaling \$42.2 million for 1,065 schools.

The remaining \$57.8 million in grants announced today are being awarded through a competitive process to public school districts and chartered non-public schools, with a maximum award of \$100,000 per school. The grant program is administered by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission in partnership with the Ohio School Safety Center.

'School safety plays a crucial role in the academic success of students," said Cheryl J. Lyman, executive director of the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission. "Students who do

> at school cannot learn to their fullest potential." Governor DeWine created the Ohio School Safety Center in 2019 to assist local schools,

colleges and

universities,

not feel safe

and law enforcement agencies to prevent, prepare for, and respond to threats and acts of violence, including self-harm, through a holistic, solutions-based approach to improving school safety.

Governor DeWine has also worked to protect school students and staff through additional violent crime reduction strategies and enhanced the help of the General Assembly, to expand Omental health services, including:

Enhancing School Security

Governor DeWine worked with the Ohio General Assembly to create the Ohio Campus Safety Grant Program for institutions of higher education and the Ohio Safety and Security Grant Program for chartered nonpublic schools, licensed preschools, nonprofit organizations, and religious institutions.

Governor DeWine created the Ohio School Safety Working Group consisting of experts in the fields of public safety, education, mental health, emergency management, and others. The group meets quarterly to discuss school safety issues, trends, and local needs.

Encouraging Student Wellness

Governor DeWine created the Student Wellness and Success Fund, a \$1.2 billion investment that is now a part of the school funding formula, to provide wraparound services to students. Wraparound services are programming and supports meant to build skills and fulfill a student or familial need. To date, this funding has launched 1,300 mental health programs and trained 6,500 educators and school profession-

After hearing about the need for more accessible mental health services for students on college campuses, Governor DeWine led the nation with a \$13.5 million investment to expand mental health services for higher education stu-

Strengthening Ohio's Mental Health Work-

As part of his Wellness Workforce Initiative, Governor DeWine announced a plan to invest \$85 million, with

hio's behavioral health workforce to meet the need

Reducing Violent Crime

Governor DeWine worked with the Ohio General Assembly to invest \$250 million in Ohio's law enforcement agencies and first re-

Governor DeWine created the Ohio Ballistics Testing Initiative to double the number of National Integrated Ballistic Information Network units in Ohio to help law enforcement identify criminals responsible for deadly shootings and other incidents of gun violence in Ohio.

Governor DeWine created the Ohio Crime Lab Efficiency Program to eliminate backlogs in the testing of criminal evidence at Ohio's certified crime labs across the state with the goal of returning evidence test results back to law enforcement faster.

Governor DeWine created the Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant Program to provide funding to local law enforcement agencies to help them implement new violent crime reduction strategies in their communities.

Governor DeWine directed the Ohio State Highway Patrol to assist local law enforcement with "surge operations" designed to interdict gun violence and repossess stolen or illegally possessed guns.

Governor DeWine created the eWarrant system, a statewide criminal justice database to improve the accuracy of state and federal background checks and streamline the process to file warrants and protection orders in Ohio.

Ohio K-12 School **Safety Grant** Program ROUND 3 708 Grants to Schools in 57 Counties MIKE DEWINE

Map of Grants

MORE: Full List of 708 Schools Approved for Grant Funding

Today's announcement represents the third round of grants awarded as part of the Ohio K-12 School Safety Grant Program. In the first

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