

Global Learning Charter Public School receives Massachusetts award to improve school safety

“Global Learning Charter Public School (GLCPS), a tuition-free public charter school that currently services 500 students in grades 5-12, has been awarded \$17,500 through the Healey-Driscoll Administration Awards to improve public school safety.

GLCPS was one of 42 Massachusetts school districts to receive grant funds for priority safety upgrades. The school will use the funds to purchase additional cameras for the building and also invest in a school pass program which will digitally monitor traffic throughout the building and track guests.

The administration awarded \$2,910,000 in federal grant funds through the Safer Schools and Communities Initiative. The federal funds are managed in Massachusetts by the Office of Grants and Research (OGR), a state agency that is part of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. The funding will be used to make school safety infrastructure improvements, including security enhancements at building entrances, installation of new interior doors and the addition or upgrading of central communication systems to support staff communication in cases of emergency.

“These grants will provide schools with the resources necessary to foster safe learning environments for students and educators. Our administration is committed to collaborating across federal, state and local governments and leveraging every possible tool to enhance safety across Massachusetts and within our schools,” said Governor Maura

Healey.

“This grant program is designed to provide school officials with the resources needed to address strengthen security infrastructure and enhance school safety. When students have confidence in the safety of their schools, they’re better able to learn, grow and thrive,” said Lt. Governor Kimberley Driscoll.

“We are pleased to have been chosen to receive this grant money to purchase state of the art security systems and training for our staff,” said Dr. Stephen Furtado, Executive Director of GLCPS. “Safety and security are part of creating a great learning environment for our students.”

GLCPS is a tuition-free public charter school serving 500 New Bedford students in Grades 5-12. Students are enrolled through a blind lottery. Additional information is available on the school’s website, www.glcps.org. For more information, please contact the school at (508) 991-4105.”