

## **Project Abstract**

The Pinellas School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) was designed to improve school security through evidence-based school safety interventions for acquisition and installation of technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency. The SVPP is part of comprehensive school safety planning efforts in Pinellas to establish and enhance school safety equipment to prevent violence in Pinellas schools.

The SVPP is part of a two-phase plan to deploy a centralized and automated lockdown system in each Pinellas school (N=122), which will provide first responders and law enforcement interactive access to live information during the event of an active shooter or other emergency incident. Phase I is to provide the infrastructure for this system in all Pinellas schools. Phase II is to build upon the infrastructure with enhanced cutting-edge technology blended with best practices to meet the challenges of constantly evolving threats. If awarded, SVPP funds will provide the Phase I infrastructure components necessary to not only expedite notification of local law enforcement during a school emergency, but reduce opportunities for human error and call system malfunctions.