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Dear Oregon Department of Emergency Management,

Thank you for considering the funding of a critical mapping system that addresses the need for accurate and accessible school mapping data for public safety. As the Chief of Police in Tillamook, I understand firsthand the critical role that clear, standardized maps play in ensuring a swift and effective emergency response on school campuses. As a former Tillamook School Board Member and current Tillamook School District Budget Committee Member, I know firsthand the lack of funding when it comes to safety resources.

Currently, many school maps across Oregon are inaccurate, inconsistent, and inaccessible to first responders. They often lack key details about building layouts, room numbering, and entry points, making it difficult for law enforcement and emergency personnel to coordinate during a crisis. Additionally, these maps are not integrated with existing public safety software, limiting their usability when seconds matter most.

This funding would establish a statewide school mapping standard—ensuring that all public school maps are accurate, up-to-date, and interoperable with law enforcement systems. This simple yet crucial improvement will allow first responders to act more efficiently and effectively in emergency situations, ultimately helping to protect students and staff.

To ensure the success of this initiative, we ask that the funding resources be allocated for K-12 school mapping that meets the following criteria:

- It can be viewed and shared with software platforms used by local, state, county, and federal public safety agencies that provide emergency services to the specific school for which the data is provided, without requiring the purchase of additional software by such agencies.
- It is provided in a printable format.
- It is verified by the entity producing the data for accuracy through a walk-through of school buildings and grounds.
- It is oriented to true north.
- It is overlaid on current aerial imagery of the school buildings and grounds.
- It contains site-specific labeling that matches the structure of the school buildings, including room labels, hallway names, and external door or stairwell numbers, as well as locations of hazards, critical utility locations, key boxes, automated external defibrillators, and trauma kits.
- It contains site-specific labeling that matches the school grounds, including parking areas, athletic fields, surrounding roads, and neighboring properties.
- It is overlaid with x/y coordinates.

In a crisis, every second counts. Having the right information at the right time can save lives. I respectfully urge your support in funding this initiative to enhance school safety and improve emergency response capabilities across Oregon.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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