School Safety: Tiered Planning Guidance:

Schools and school districts have limited funding resources. Although there is not a mandated, priority list of school safety and security purchases, the School Safety Advisory Committee is developing guidance around a tiered list of such activities and/or purchases. With limited funds, what might a school or district consider doing or purchasing first?

The following is by no means an exhaustive list of considerations. It is meant to provide suggestions on priority spending:

1. Review of all current safety plans, staff preparedness, hazardous materials inventory
2. Safety Evaluation Walk-Through
   a. No-to-low cost;
   b. May suggest next steps in safety planning
3. CPTED-informed upgrades/updates
   a. Potentially low cost maintenance work
   b. High results in terms of safety
4. Visitor badges
   a. Cheap
   b. Ensure ID on entry and throughout bldg..
5. (Improved) Gates & fencing
   a. Limit access to campus
6. Entrance/Exit Upgrades
   a. More costly,
   b. Secure locks; crash bars
7. Main entry point
   a. Directed/monitored visitor access
8. Window security / reinforcement
9. PA – Voice notification system
10. Cameras
11. Locks / locking devices
12. Exterior lighting
13. All electronic locking systems
14. Dedicated security staff
15. Other evolving technologies.....