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Kansas State Department of Education Landon State Office Building 900 SW Jackson Street Topeka, Kansas 66612

To Whom it May Concern,

In May 2019 the Kansas 911 Coordinating Council sent out a letter inviting Kansas high school video, technology or the like classes to participate in creating an updated public service announcement for 911. Those who chose to participate will submit a video to the Council where each video will be voted on. The winner will receive a \$500 donation to the High School's technology department and the runner up will receive a \$250 donation to the High School's technology department. Announcements of the winner and runner up will be announced the beginning of 2020.

<u>We are extending the deadline of the contest to March 20, 2020</u> to allow teachers and students more time to complete this project should they chose to participate. Announcements of the winner and runner up will be announced May 1, 2020.

The Council is asking the Kansas State Department of Education to disseminate this opportunity to the Kansas High Schools. We invite all entries to visit <u>https://www.kansas911.org/about-us/#public</u> to review our current PSA for an idea of where we have been. It is the Council's goal to show success stories of Text-to-911 and how this technology has helped citizens and responders alike.

For a list of success stories and requirements the Council would like in the video, please visit our website at <u>https://www.kansas911.org</u>. The Kansas 911 Coordinating Council is looking to convey it's message of "Call if You Can, Text if You Can't" while updating the visual content of our video and outlining some of our success stories since the inception of this new technology.

The Council thanks you for assisting us with this endeavor.

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