



HANCOCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Michael E. Heldman, Sheriff

September 21, 2016

RE: The Boot, The Lockdown Company

To Whom It May Concern:

As Sheriff of Hancock County, Ohio for 20 years, and in Law Enforcement for over 40 years, I have seen a lot of products come and go. Recently, a citizen concerned with the safety of his grandchildren introduced me to The Boot, manufactured by the Lockdown Company. The Boot is a safety device installed on the inside of a classroom door. After research and a live demonstration, we are 100% on board with this product. The Hancock County School systems, including the Findlay City Schools, parochial and private schools, have all agreed that this product is a must have for the future safety of our most treasured assets, our children.

This product weighs less than 5 pounds, is easily stored and available for immediate use. Any child can lift and install this device in an emergency situation. It is that easy. The Boot has been tested and can withstand 16,000 pounds of pressure and can work on virtually any door. Once installed, those inside the classroom (or office, etc.) have precious time available to call for emergency help.

This product has been in use for 3 years, and been proven to work in such situations. The Hancock County School and Law Enforcement communities are excited to get this project started and the product installed.

The Boot will add another layer of safety in the event of an intrusion into the buildings. We look forward to the added peace of mind, knowing there is a system in place to help protect our children, their teachers and staff in our local schools, and will aid Law Enforcement and emergency personnel.

I strongly endorse this product, and highly recommend that everyone look into The Boot.

Sincerely,

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