



# Memorandum

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**To:** Board of Education  
**From:** Jon Rever, Superintendent of Schools  
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**Information Item:** **Video Surveillance – 2025/2026 Annual Report to the Board**

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## 1.0 RELEVANT BOARD MOTION/DIRECTION

Regulations 645R – Video Surveillance Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) (Regulations), item 5.2 states:

*“The Superintendent of Schools/CEO, or their designate, will conduct a review at least annually to ensure that this policy and regulations are being followed. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO will make a report to the Board on the use of video surveillance in the School District.”*

In October of 2017, Board Policy 645 – Video Surveillance Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) and Board Regulations 645R – Video Surveillance Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) (Regulations) (Appendix A and Appendix B) were amended to align the Policy and Regulations to meet the disclosure requirements under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA).

## 2.0 BACKGROUND

Since the first video surveillance systems were installed in the School District, many changes have taken place. Initial installations were done to deter theft and to monitor unwanted visitors at schools. The issues mostly concerned minor items that took time away from administrators at the secondary school level.

Video surveillance systems are now used primarily as a means of identifying unwelcome visitors on school property and to enhance the safety and security of students and staff. They have proven to be a useful tool for assisting administrators in the resolution of incidents involving theft and vandalism at the school level. In addition, the presence of video cameras acts as a deterrent to undesirable behavior.

## 3.0 INFORMATION STATEMENT

The following is a summary of video surveillance systems in the District for the 2025/2026 school year:

- 32 of 51 District sites have installations of video surveillance systems
- 14 of 32 elementary schools currently have video surveillance systems
- All sites with video surveillance systems are utilized in accordance with Board Policy 645 – Video Surveillance Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) and compliant with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

This year, one CCTV camera was added at an elementary school, eleven cameras at the middle school level (four for new construction), and seven cameras at administration sites (six for new construction).

#### **4.0 SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' COMMENTS**

Principals, parents, staff and students have generally supported the controlled use of video surveillance and other security measures within our schools. The intent of these security measures has never been to monitor the day-to-day activities of students or staff; nor should it be. Video surveillance, as well as other security measures, support the safety and security of students, staff and community members when they are attending schools and District facilities.

While an expansion of video surveillance is generally supported by staff and school communities, it should be limited to situations directly addressing safety and security. The use of video surveillance should continue to be monitored to ensure its proper use. As indicated in Board Regulations 645R – Video Surveillance Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) (Regulations) (Appendix B), before video surveillance is introduced at a new site, consultation with the school community must take place and approval of the installation plan by the Parent Advisory Council.

Specific information about the video surveillance systems, including locations of cameras, is not published in this report for security reasons. Signage has been updated and moved to provide clearer communication to the community.

In general, video surveillance systems at each site have reduced the number of incidents and increased the level of safety and security for students and staff.

#### **5.0 NEXT STEPS**

The District Safe Schools Community Network Committee and District staff will continue to discuss safety and security priorities to inform District staff of emerging security concerns that could be mitigated using security measures including video surveillance technologies.

The Operations Department staff will continue to direct available funds from the Annual Facility Grant to support the infrastructure needs of schools that are purchasing video equipment for installation.

The Technology Department will work with stakeholders to further improve security and proper authorized access.

School administrators will continue to receive an in-service on the appropriate use, and ongoing maintenance of CCTV cameras on their sites.

#### **6.0 APPENDICES**

- A. Board Policy 645 – Video Surveillance Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)
- B. Board Regulations 645R – Video Surveillance Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) (Regulations)