



Mountain View
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Security Camera Community Feedback and Board Policy

January 6, 2022

Guiding Principles

Strategic Plan 2027

Goal Area 5

- Equitable distribution of resources that support student success.
- Goal 5a: Ensure facilities and resources equitably serve all students.

Master Facility Plan 2019

- In December of 2019, the Board approved the Master Facilities Plan (MFP) which prioritizes the work of Measure T.
- The MFP listed security cameras as a priority 1 item at all sites.
- Security cameras are a deterrent to destructive activities and can help the District identify perpetrators.



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Summary of Feedback Received

Highlights of Community Feedback Received

- General questions around use, storage of data, and who has access to the footage.
- Questions about when cameras would be operational and use of audio.
- A desire to stop graffiti and destruction occurring during the day on the middle school campuses.
- Questions about using AI to detect guns.

Highlights of Site Feedback

Where and when will cameras be operational?

When will video be monitored or only viewed after an incident?

Who will have access?

When will the video footage be released to other agencies outside of the district (ICE, MVPD, etc.) or to neighbors ?

Highlights of Site Feedback

How will the footage be stored and will outside companies have access to it?

That it will be an added measure of security.

Can they put them in more quickly?

What will signage look like and where will it be placed?



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Past Concerns

Incidences of Destructive Behavior

- Unauthorized access of classrooms after hours by adults and teenagers
- Racial epitaphs at Graham, Imai, Bubb and Monta Loma
- Break-ins at Castro where individuals engaged in inappropriate behavior
- Homeless sleeping in classrooms

Incidences of Destructive Behavior

- Theft of electronic devices
- Property destruction at sites including broken windows and graffiti
- The district has seen an increase in racist graffiti over the past few months
- There have been five major reported incidences of graffiti and damage to school property since September

Recent Graffiti



Bubb 11-10-21

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Monta Loma 10-16-21 and 10-31-21



12-1-21 broken pots,
damaged signs and
plants at Imai



Bubb 11-24-21

Cameras in Other Local Districts

- Mountain View Los Altos Union
- Palo Alto Unified
- Santa Clara Unified
- East Side Union



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Project/Process Overview

Items to be Included in Board Policy/Administrative Regulations

- The purpose of the security camera project is to deter destructive activities on campuses.
- Cameras will monitor public areas and parking lots.
- Cameras will not be placed in areas where staff and students have a reasonable expectation of privacy (for example, locker rooms, bathrooms, etc)

Items to be Included in Board Policy/Administrative Regulations

- Cameras will have audio capabilities turned off to comply with the law.
- The cameras will not be actively monitored unless there is an emergency situation that necessitates it.
- When footage is accessed, a log will be created and only authorized users will be allowed to access the footage.

Project Overview

- The security camera project has been in the planning stages since 2019 with public input points.
- The estimated project cost is \$2,988,312 across the district.

Master Facility Plan

Past input points include the below

- Master Facility Plan
 - October 2019 School and community feedback
 - Principal's Coffee, PTAs, ELACs
 - November 21, 2019 Board reviews MFP
 - December 12, 2021 Board approves MFP

Meetings held at schools sites and board meetings involved a public input portion.

Project List

- September 17, 2020 Board reviews projects for Measure T that is based on the MFP approved in 2019
 - The project list came back to the board on several occasions to be updated or to report progress on projects.
 - October 1, 2020, September 9, 2021, September 23, 2021
- All meetings were open to the public

This year: Camera Specific Board Action/Review

- **June 17, 2021** Board approved a security consultant, Paladin, to help the District with the process of placement of cameras, security of data, and selection of software.
- **October 21, 2021** Board reviewed community feedback process and outreach
- **January 6, 2022** Board to receive summary of feedback received, proposed board policy, and give direction for administrative regulations.

This year: Camera Specific Board Action/Review

- **January 20, 2022** Board to take action on policy and possible administrative regulations.
- In **late spring** staff will present procedures based on the adopted Board policy and administrative regulations.
- Staff will present schematic design, cost, timeline, and budget of the project prior to commencing
- **Summer of 2022** construction is anticipated

Where Are We Now?

- The next step in this process is using the feedback collected from the community to inform the review of the proposed Board Policy.
- Board to consider policy adoption on Jan. 20

Board Policy (BP)

- Board Policy- is a guide for action adopted by the Board to address a specific issue. The policy tells what the Board wants done and why the Board wants it done.
- Policy is not detailed protocols or restatements of State or Federal law.

Administrative Regulations (AR)

- ARs are implementation plans that may tell how something is to be done, who is to do it, and when it is to be done. The Superintendent uses regulations to carry out the intentions expressed in Policy.
- An AR is not an operational manual or job description.



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Security Cameras: Proposed Board Policy

Proposed Board Policy

- The proposed BP is informed by language from CSBA (California School Boards Association) and the district's legal counsel.
- The full text is also attached to the Board packet for easy reference.

Key Points of Board Policy

- The goal is for campus security and authorizes the use of video for that purpose.
- Cameras shall not be placed in areas where students, staff, or community members have a reasonable expectation of privacy.
- Any audio capability on the District's surveillance equipment shall be disabled.
- Superintendent or designee shall ensure that signs are posted at conspicuous locations at affected school buildings and grounds.

Key Points of Board Policy

- Shall provide prior written notice to students and parents/guardians about the District's security camera system.
- Only viewed by authorized District personnel as necessary.
- The District may rely on the images obtained by the security cameras in connection with the enforcement of Board policy, administrative regulations, campus rules and other applicable law.



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Direction Needed

Questions

- Is this Board Policy sufficient to provide intent and direction for development of the AR and security camera procedures?
- Are there areas of the Board policy that need further Board discussion?
- Other feedback or thoughts?