

ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

[See POLICY ALERT Nos. 177 and 214]

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The Board of Education authorizes the use of electronic surveillance systems in school buildings and on school grounds to enhance the safety and security for school district staff, pupils, community members, and other building occupants and to protect the school district's buildings and grounds.

The content produced by the surveillance system under certain circumstances may be considered a pupil record, **and if so** ~~in which~~ it will be subject to the Board of Education policy and regulations regarding confidential pupil records. If the content of the surveillance system becomes the subject of a disciplinary proceeding, it shall be treated like other evidence in the proceeding, ~~and the district declares such use to be a legitimate educational interest.~~

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:41-9, if at least one school building of the school district is equipped with video surveillance equipment that is capable of streaming live video wirelessly to a remote location, the Board of Education shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with local law enforcement authorities providing the authorities with the capacity to activate the equipment and view live streaming video. The MOU shall include the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:41-9 and any additional information required by law enforcement officials. In the event the parties to the MOU are unable to reach an agreement regarding any provision required to be included in the MOU as per N.J.S.A. 18A:41-9a, the County Prosecutor shall make the final determination regarding that provision. Nothing in N.J.S.A. 18A:41-9 shall be construed as to require the installation of video surveillance equipment capable of streaming live video wirelessly to a remote site from a school building that does not have the ability to have live streaming video.

The **Board of Education shall post signage** ~~following statement shall be posted~~ in a prominent, public place in buildings and on school grounds where electronic surveillance equipment may be used:

~~The Board of Education authorizes the use of electronic surveillance monitoring devices in school buildings and on school grounds. Therefore, all school buildings and school~~



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~~grounds within this school district may be monitored using such devices in accordance with Board Policy.~~

In addition to posting, the district shall notify school staff members, parent(s) ~~or legal guardian(s)~~, and pupils that electronic surveillance may be used in school buildings and on school grounds through publication in pupil and staff handbooks, school calendars, notice sent home with pupils, or any other effective means to publish the district's use of electronic surveillance equipment in school buildings and on school grounds.

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