

TO: School Committee

FROM: Tim Piwowar, Superintendent

DATE: September 9, 2025

RE: Proposed Revision to Policy ECAF: Security Cameras in Schools

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As part of our commitment to ensuring student safety and a positive environment for all students, we are currently exploring the possibility of adding security cameras to our school transportation vehicles. This would allow us to better address issues that arise on school buses, and would also serve as a proactive deterrent for unwelcome behaviors.

School Committee Policy ECAF (Security Cameras in Schools) provides the authorization for the use of security cameras in school district buildings and on its property; however, that authorization does not currently extend to school transportation vehicles. As such, to support the use of cameras for transportation, I am recommending the following change to the first sentence of the third paragraph of the [existing policy](#) (changes redlined below):

*In pursuit of this objective, the School Committee authorizes the use of security cameras in school district buildings, school transportation vehicles, and on its property to ensure the health, welfare and safety of all students, staff and visitors, to deter theft, vandalism and other negative behavior, to safeguard district buildings, grounds and equipment, and to monitor unauthorized individuals in or on school property,*

If amenable to the Committee, I would also recommend that the Committee waive the required three readings of this policy revision, and hold a first reading at the September 11 meeting, and a second reading and vote at the October 14 meeting, as this will allow us to begin the camera installation process.

Thank you, and I look forward to discussing this with you at our meeting on September 11.