

**Franklin Public Schools  
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

**Action Required**

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**Subject:** Policy – 2nd Read/Adoption

**Date:** July 14, 2020

**Dept:** School Committee

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**Reason:** Required Vote

**Enclosure:** yes

**Recommendation:**

Policy Second Reading/Adoption

I recommend adoption of the following policy:

1. ECAF - Security Cameras in Schools (New)

**Action Requested of the School Committee:**

Majority vote of the School Committee is required.

<u><b>Vote Tabulator</b></u>	
A Bergen:	Y / N      T Keenan:   Y / N
J D'Angelo:	Y / N      M J Scofield: Y / N
J Pond-Pfeffer:	Y / N      D Spencer:   Y / N
E Stokes:	Y / N      Action: _____

## SECURITY CAMERAS IN SCHOOLS

The Franklin School Committee works to maintain a safe and secure environment for its students, staff, visitors, and facilities.

In pursuit of this objective, the Franklin School Committee authorizes the use of security cameras in school district buildings 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. Security cameras may be used in locations as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with school officials as well as local law enforcement and emergency response agencies. They may be used in any area, inside or outside of school buildings where there is no reasonable expectation of privacy.

The district shall notify students and staff through student and employee handbooks and appropriate signage that security cameras have been installed and may be used at any time. The District may rely upon security cameras in taking appropriate disciplinary action involving students or employees. **Security cameras will not be used to conduct observations or monitor instruction**

The Superintendent shall ensure that proper procedures are in place and are followed regarding use, viewing, disclosure, retention, disposal and security of video recordings or photographs from security cameras in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. A video recording used for security purposes in school district buildings and/or on school property shall be the sole property of the school district. All video recordings will be secured to avoid tampering and to ensure confidentiality in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Law enforcement and emergency response officials shall be granted access to video recordings or the security system after giving prior notice to the School Superintendent/designee as outlined in the Memorandum between Franklin Public Schools and the Franklin Police Department.

The Superintendent may, from time to time, issue further guidance that is consistent with current laws and this policy.

SOURCE: MASC

**Adopted: August 2015**

**To SC for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading / Adoption: 7/14/2020**