

**Franklin Public Schools
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

Action Required

Subject: Policy 1st Reading

Date: May 26, 2020

Dept: School Committee

Reason: Required Vote

Enclosure: yes

Recommendation:

Policy – 1st Reading

I recommend moving Policy ECAF – Security Cameras in Schools to a second reading as detailed.

Action Requested of the School Committee:

Majority vote of the School Committee is required.

<u>Vote Tabulator</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. ~~Security means more than having locks and making certain that doors are locked at the proper times. Security also means minimizing fire hazards, reducing the possibility of faulty equipment, keeping records and valuables in a safe place, protection against vandalism and burglary, the prosecution of vandals, and developing crisis plans.~~
~~School facilities and their contents, constitute one of the greatest investments of the community. The School Committee believes it to be in the best interest of students and taxpayers for the district to exert every reasonable means to protect the investment adequately.~~

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.~~
~~Students or staff identified on security cameras in violation of School Committee or individual school policies will be subject to disciplinary action.~~ The District may rely upon security cameras in taking appropriate disciplinary action involving students or employees.

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 ~~stored in their original format~~ and secured to avoid tampering and to ensure confidentiality in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. ~~Access to video recordings from security cameras shall be limited to school administrators (Superintendent/designee, School Principal/designee).—~~

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 School Committee for 1st Reading: 5/26/2020