



## Executive Summary Board of Education Meeting

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DATE: September 4, 2025

TOPIC: Renaissance Communication System Installation of Door Access Control Installation

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### **Recommended for:**

- ☒ Action
- ☒ Discussion
- ☒ Information

### **Purpose/Background:**

Last month the Administration was asked to proceed with specific elements from the security recommendations presentation. The information below contains part of those recommendations.

The District has utilized Access Master and the Door Access System for a number of years to control access into all campus buildings. As part of our agreement and hosted support contract, the District can contact Access Master for any required changes via email and/or needed repairs. As part of this agreement, Access Master charges the District a service fee that is billed per reader and controller to offset software costs and future replacement costs of electronics.

Over the last year, the District has researched various technologies and vendors looking for an alternative to this system. One which would be stable and secure as well as cost effective. After research, and presenting options to the Facilities Committee, it was agreed upon that we move forward with replacing the system.

Maxxess Systems offers a system that closely resembles what we currently have in place, however, this system would be installed internally on our computer systems and manage access control boxes located in each school. This system would also now be under our control and both the maintenance department or technology department would have the ability to make any changes. Our current database—including key card numbers, facility IDs, and user access information, would be uploaded directly, allowing us to have a fully operational system within just a few days.

Installation of this project would be handled by a local security company. Renaissance communication systems out of Franklin Park Illinois will be the company that will handle all of the transfer of information and installation of new equipment and reprogramming of everything that we currently have within our current access control system.

This item has been reviewed by District Legal Counsel, who indicated no concerns with the contracts, as the terms are

minimal. Counsel noted a clause with binding arbitration that was referenced in the general scope of work, however, Counsel said that given the small scale and limited scope of this contract, it is not a cause for concern.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$39,100 for equipment, licensing, installation and support for the upgraded Maxxess product for all four locations.

**Recommendation:**

The Facilities Committee concurs with the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve the quote from Renaissance Communication Systems for the upgrade to the door access control system in the amount of \$39,100.