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**To:** Dr. Cheryl McCarthy  
**CC:** Board of Education  
**From:** Dr. Ilandus Hampton  
**Date:** May 21, 2019  
**Re:** Security System

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Some of the main objectives regarding school safety and security are: awareness, proactiveness, and communication. Districts' across the country currently have a system that meets the aforementioned objectives when it comes to a fire. When a fire alarm is pulled, an alarm sounds, a notification is sent to the local fire department, and staff and student follow fire alarm protocols. During the current school year, a team of administrators, building supervisors, and police liaisons evaluated a system that will provide the same objectives for crisis situations i.e. armed intruder and other life-threatening emergency events.

The team reviewed a system, The BluePoint Life Safety Response Platform, which is the only Rapid Emergency Response System that provides the technology to aid both the life of the person/people being rescued and the first responder's life. Bluepoint's patented intuitive activation devices and communication software, notifies law enforcement and medical first responders faster than a 911 call. The BluePoint Platform implements stand-alone security measures like video surveillance, access control monitoring, building wide notification systems and real-time two-way communication into one Rapid Emergency Response System that will complement our current security strategies and procedures. The Command and Control Certified Monitoring system is live 24-hours a day.

A comprehensive walkthrough was conducted to identify area where police pull stations, medical pull stations, and strobes (inside and outside of building) will be located. The cost of the comprehensive system is \$316,050.00 w/5 year lease option; and an annual monitoring fee of \$10,500.00. Annual Testing School Drills and New Hire/Refresher Training cost \$6,000.00 annually. The system will be supported through the additional revenue received from the new Evidence Based Funding formula and the districts' Operational and Maintenance budget.

The team believes the Bluepoint system will be beneficial for the safety and security of our staff and students, and will enhance our current crisis management protocols.

The administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the Bluepoint system for \$316,050.00 (w/5 year lease option) and annual associated costs.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Thank you.