

Geneva Community Unit School District 304

Donna V. Oberg - Assistant Superintendent - Business Services 227 North Fourth Street, Geneva, IL 60134 Phone: (630) 463-3030 Fax: (630) 463-3031

E-mail - doberg@geneva304.org

Memorandum

To: Finance Committee

From: Donna Oberg, Assistant Superintendent – Business Services

Date: February 6, 2014

Re: Replacement Cameras for School Buses

As I presented last year, the existing camera system on the buses is in need of replacement. The cameras are not working properly and break down or just don't work at all. The current camera system consists of two cameras on each bus, one in the front of the bus and one in the back of the bus. The new system will consist of three cameras with the additional camera being placed in the center of the bus. It was decided by the Board to replace the camera systems over several years.

We began this process in 2012-2013 by replacing 10 cameras at a cost of \$1,233 per camera system. We currently received the next 10 cameras to be replaced during spring break. This year we have experienced several discipline situations that occurred on the bus. The camera was pulled for review only to find out it had disconnected and was not working. With the new camera systems that have been installed we have not experienced this.

Rather than phasing in these cameras over time, I feel it is necessary, for the safety and security of our students, to complete the replacement this summer when we are installing the cameras in the new buses.

I am asking the Board to approve the final replacement purchase of camera systems for the 2014-2015 school year, 29 camera systems at a cost of \$35,757.