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Mr. Nelson and School Board Members,

With the recent inspection of the schools, it came to my attention that the alarms systems in the elementary and high schools where inoperable and replacement parts are no longer available. I, and this office, understand it is a costly endeavor to replace these vital systems. I am also aware the schools are to be renovated and coinciding the new alarm system with the renovation would be more economical.

With the impending school year and a lack of an operating fire alarm system, there is a requirement for an impairment plan to be developed and put in place. An impairment plan includes a general timeline for repairs, notifications to local Fire Departments, insurance carriers, alarm monitoring companies and other invested parties. To provide a form of monitoring for the facilities a "Fire Watch" would be utilized. A fire watch would consist of a dedicated individual conducting patrols of the facilities on an hourly basis. A log would be kept and submitted to this office.

This is a common practice for situations such as this and once an impairment plan has been submitted to this office with the pertinent information, I can approve it and we can move forward with implementing it.

Sincerely,

Richard Harrop

Deputy Fire Marshal II