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To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Patrick Broncato, Superintendent Woodridge School District 68

Subject: Proposal for CrisisGo Panic Buttons

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Over the past few years, we have been concentrating on making our District safer. From working with our local Police Department on training, as well as implementing ALICE last year, our goal as a District is to continuously upgrade our safety systems in order to meet the latest standards and to give our students, staff and community confidence that our buildings are secure from potential incidents.

For the past year, part of this effort has been the exploration of the use of panic buttons for our staff in the case of emergencies in our building and potentially for violent critical incidents, such as school shootings. In December 2024, we put out a poll asking staff whether they would be in favor of a wearable panic button. We had 294 respondents out of approximately 550 staff. 62% stated they would be in favor of having a panic button, while 23% said they weren't sure, and 15% said they wouldn't be in favor of it.

With 62% in favor, I believed that it was a subject worth exploring, so in the next three months, I met with three different companies, exploring companies' products and features. After meeting with those companies, the company with the features that met our criteria of convenience, reliability, and response time was CrisisGo. CrisisGo also had the most competitive pricing among the companies that we explored.

After we had narrowed down our choice to CrisisGo, the Safety Committee, consisting of administrators, staff, and the Lisle/Woodridge Fire Department, met to go over the presentation of how the CrisisGo panic buttons worked, and answered any questions the Committee might have. The Committee was in favor of implementing such a solution in our District.

Subsequently, CrisisGo, the Woodridge Police Department and I met on whether the CrisisGo solution could be implemented in cooperation with the Woodridge Police



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Department, and it was determined that the CrisisGo platform would integrate into the Woodridge Police Department's response systems. There would be no cost to the Police Department for implementing the system, as it would be an app that would be installed on their laptops and phones.

Attached to this memo is a cost proposal for a 3 year Plan for installation and implementation of the CrisisGo wearable panic button solution.

*The Administration recommends the purchase of the CrisisGo wearable panic button contract proposal as presented.*