

Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees

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Resource: Ken Lynn
Chief Financial Officer

AGENDA ITEM:

Reports Out of the Finance and Audit and Campus Facilities and Construction Committees and Approval of the Safety Plan, Implementation Timeline, and Estimated Costs

DISCUSSION:

To ensure the safety and security of Collin College employees and sound stewardship in the care of taxpayer resources, the college has developed a comprehensive Campus Safety Plan. The plan complements and supports the growth and expansion of new campuses over the next several years resulting from implementation of the college's Master Plan.

Key components of the plan include establishing a standard access control system to retrofit existing facilities and serve as the new facilities standard, improving emergency communications systems, improving and expanding video monitoring systems, integrating existing and new systems, upgrading crime prevention initiatives, improving traffic management and controls, constructing a new public safety and police headquarters, and reorganizing and expanding safety and security staff to appropriately meet the college's needs resulting from growth of both the physical footprint and student enrollment.

At this point in the college's history, many of these areas are in need of technological upgrades, expansion, and advancement, including the following broad categories:

- Implementing a comprehensive, patented keying system will provide enhanced controls in protecting the college's students, employees, and facilities.
- Upgrading and integrating emergency communications systems and video systems throughout the college's facilities will also enhance safety throughout our campuses, including the opportunity for preventative rather than reactive responses.
- Implementing new crime prevention initiatives, including enhanced training, improved crime prevention through environmental design, and improved lighting will add additional layers of safety protections.

- Establishing parking regulations and enhanced traffic controls to ensure we know who is parking on our campuses.
- Strengthening the police department organization through improvements in the structure and enhanced staffing levels with the overall goal to have 2 officers per shift per campus, 1 lieutenant per shift with college-wide responsibilities, and 1 telecommunicator per shift, in addition to appropriate other staff to meet operational needs.
- Upgrading equipment required for the police communications center.
- Adding a Director of Safety and Emergency Management to manage the college's compliance with the federal Clery Act, ensure compliance with federal and state safety regulations, and to help the college be prepared in the event of a serious catastrophe on one or more of our campuses.
- Creating an Emergency Operations Center to facilitate the college's ability to respond to major catastrophic emergencies.
- Exploring the creation of a police and records storage facility to meet the needs of our growing college community.

Scheduled for implementation between December 2017 and August 2020, the proposed plan will cost approximately \$6.13 million over three fiscal years for a total of \$18.4 million. The proposed Safety Plan was presented to the Board of Trustees at its Retreat on October 20, 2017. As requested, additional information regarding the timeline and estimated costs were presented for review at both the Finance and Audit and the Campus Facilities and Construction Committee meetings on November 7, 2017.

**DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S
RECOMMENDATION:**

The District President recommends approval of the Safety Plan, implementation timeline, and estimated costs as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

"Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District approves the Safety Plan, implementation timeline, and estimated costs as presented."