



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Education  
Shannon Dudek, Ed. D.

**FROM:** Christopher Blomquist, CSBO

**DATE:** 5/19/26

**RE:** Recommendation for Districtwide Door Access Control System Replacement

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### BACKGROUND

Administration is recommending the replacement and modernization of the District's current Secura Key door access control system across all district buildings. The existing Secura Key system has become obsolete due to the manufacturer filing for bankruptcy and ceasing operations, resulting in the loss of software support, hardware support, security updates, and future compatibility options.

The District's current system presents several operational and cybersecurity concerns:

- The existing Secura Key software operates on an outdated on-premise server platform that is no longer supported or updated, creating potential cybersecurity vulnerabilities.
- The current system cannot be reliably installed or operated on modern Windows 11 devices.
- Westview School's access control system was never fully configured correctly and currently requires staff to manually connect to the server using an unsupported Windows 10 device in order to make programming changes or troubleshoot issues.
- The District no longer has access to manufacturer technical support, replacement parts, or software updates.
- The current system limits the District's ability to remotely manage doors, users, schedules, and troubleshooting.

Given the critical importance of school safety, secure building access, and long-term system reliability, administration believes replacement of the current system is necessary and time-sensitive.

### PROPOSED SOLUTION

Administration reviewed proposals to convert the District to a cloud-based Verkada Access Control System. The proposed system would:

- Replace the existing Secura Key controllers
- Eliminate the need for an on-premise access control server
- Allow remote system access for troubleshooting, updates, and management
- Improve reliability and security of the system
- Add upgraded video intercom functionality at each building

- Provide easier management of doors, schedules, and staff access permissions

In addition, upgrading to Verkada would align with the District's current Verkada camera system, allowing both systems to operate within the same platform for improved security management and easier day-to-day operation.

## **PROPOSAL COMPARISON**

The District received proposals from Heartland Business Systems and Seconds Matter Safety Solutions for the Verkada conversion project.

Seconds Matter Safety (Existing Readers Option): **\$89,229.44**

Seconds Matter Safety (All New Readers Option): **\$101,289.60**

Heartland Business Systems Proposal: **\$102,798.98**

Administration is recommending the option that allows the District to continue utilizing the existing compatible card readers rather than fully replacing all readers throughout the District. This option still replaces the unsupported Secura Key infrastructure while reducing overall project costs.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Administration recommends approval of the proposal from Seconds Matter Safety Solutions in the amount of **\$89,229.44** for the Districtwide conversion to the Verkada Access Control System utilizing existing compatible readers.

This project will modernize the District's access control system, improve reliability and security, eliminate unsupported software and hardware concerns, and provide staff with a more efficient and manageable security platform moving forward.