



Executive Summary Board of Education Meeting

DATE: May 7, 2026

TOPIC: Renaissance Communication System Installation of the Todd Hall, Rutledge Hall and Lincoln Hall Door
Intercom/Video Surveillance Systems

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Recommended for:

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

Purpose/Background:

In our commitment to district-wide safety, the technology team recently conducted an audit of the entry systems across District schools. Todd Hall's investigation revealed the same issues that were discovered at Rutledge Hall. While the existing hardware was initially believed to be a fully functional two-way intercom, a review and consultation with office staff revealed a security gap. To address these vulnerabilities, the District recommends an upgrade to an integrated video-communication system.

The existing security infrastructure at Todd Hall currently relies on a legacy exterior mounted box that provides only basic doorbell functionality and a remote door release. Though at one time this box might have supported two way communication, currently inside staff have no audio options and can simply buzz visitors in the vestibule area. Though we have a camera in that area, the lack of a direct line-of-sight creates a visual gap, forcing staff to grant access into the vestibule without first verifying a visitor's identity or intent. This current setup could create a safety risk required for a secure building environment.

To address these vulnerabilities, the District recommends upgrading to a modern two way video-communication system that would be more consistent with the system already installed at Lincoln Hall. The proposed solution features high-quality exterior hardware, including a combined camera and doorbell unit, paired with an internal desk station that provides high-definition video and crisp two-way audio for office personnel. By utilizing modern video

standards, this system can integrate with our existing Rhombus camera network, allowing the entry door feed to be offloaded and monitored across our security displays.

The transition to an integrated AirPhone system offers many advantages, from enhanced verification of individuals, and providing two way feedback before entering. While this solution represents a higher investment than some entry-level alternatives, its features and expandability to other doors and accessible areas can grow alongside District needs.

This project would be installed and managed by Renaissance Communication Systems and would include all components necessary to integrate seamlessly with the District's computer network as well as integration with the District camera and door access systems.

Fiscal Impact:

\$31,750 for all materials, equipment, installation of low voltage connections, installation of standard electrical connections and re-termination and testing of all network components.

Recommendation:

The Facilities Committee concurs with the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve the quotes from Renaissance Communication Systems for the installation of door intercom and video surveillance systems (Air Phone) at Todd Hall, Rutledge Hall and Lincoln Hall in the amount of \$31,750.