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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Annaka Whiting, Chief Financial Officer
Date: April 14, 2026
Re: Evolv Metal Detectors Equipment & Subscription

One of the most important proactive measures in school safety is the ability to immediately detect potential threats. Weapons detection systems support this goal by helping to ensure the safety of staff, scholars, and the broader community throughout the school year. The District's comprehensive safety approach includes training and drills, security personnel, physical security measures, and surveillance systems. The Evolv Weapons Detection System enhances these efforts by screening for weapons while also serving as a visible deterrent to individuals who may consider bringing a weapon onto school property.

As part of ongoing facility improvements, Thurgood Marshall Learning Center is scheduled for an entrance remodel to accommodate a single-lane Evolv system, further reinforcing the District's commitment to safety. This work is anticipated to begin this summer. Additionally, the RIHS Aquatic Center entrance has been designed to support a dual-lane Evolv system to improve scholar traffic flow during morning entry once the space is completed and reopened. With Board approval, the systems can be ordered, delivered, and installed in alignment with the completion of both projects. The total cost for both systems is \$153,722.28.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of equipment and associated subscription services for a single-lane Evolv system at Thurgood Marshall Learning Center (\$69,475.43) and a dual-lane Evolv system at the RIHS Aquatic Center (\$84,475.43) from Alliance Technology Group, LLC, 7010 Hi Tech Drive, Hanover, MD 21076, for a total cost of \$153,722.28.

Investment Period: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2030
Total Investment: \$153,722.28
Funding Source: Life Safety Funds