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Civil Grand Jury Office  
Superior Court of California  
County of Solano  
600 Union Avenue  
Fairfield, CA 94533

**Response to Request of Grand Jury:**

Final Report: Solano County Public Schools Post Pandemic Protocols and Safety Measures, June 29, 2023

Dear Members of the Solano County Grand Jury:

This letter is in response to the Grand Jury's written request of June 29, 2023, asking that the Vallejo City Unified School District respond to Grand *Jury Finding #2, Camera placement varies from site to site with some areas having no coverage*. The district recognizes the importance of robust safety and security measures and appreciates the Grand Jury's attention to this important issue for Solano County's schools. In the intervening time since our meeting on September 26, 2022, the district has undertaken significant efforts to add on site cameras to school sites that hadn't had them before, and to enhance both camera placement and image resolution and quality at school sites that currently have cameras.

On February 1, 2023, the VCUSD School Board approved a procurement contract to purchase 392 cameras, installation hardware and software licensing for a cloud based camera surveillance systems, with a total cost of \$765,052. Of the 392 cameras, 185 are for 12 schools that did not have surveillance system.

The remaining 207 cameras are for the replacement of existing camera systems at 10 school sites, the transportation yard, and the District office. Although these are currently fully functional systems, they are not cloud-based and lack the features of the new hardware / software.

On August 9, 2023, the VCUSD School Board approved an installation contract for the 12 new sites for \$525,769. To date, the vendor has completed 8 of the new installations, and the four remaining sites have a tentative completion dates of January 31, 2024. Once the installation at all new sites is complete, we will enter into a new contract of approximately \$90,000.

The total cost of this project is approximately \$1,380,082.



**New Installations / Number of Cameras**

Wardlaw Elementary / 20  
Vallejo Charter / 8  
Pennycook Elementary / 11  
Mare Island Health & Fitness Academy / 15  
Johnston Cooper Elementary / 15  
Highland Elementary / 21  
Elmer Cave Language Academy / 15  
Lincoln Elementary / 11  
Loma Vista Environmental Science Academy / 25  
Steffan Manor Elementary / 18  
Federal Terrace Elementary / 12  
Vallejo Adult at Al Berenguer Educational Center / 14

**Existing Systems / Number of Cameras**

Dan Mini Elementary / 22  
Hogan Middle School / 22  
Glen Cove Elementary / 9  
Jesse Bethel High School / 30  
John Finney High School / 13  
Patterson Elementary / 10  
Solano-Widenmann Leadership Academy / 17  
Vallejo High School / 31

Again, thank you for the opportunity to respond the finding, and we appreciate your efforts on behalf of Solano County's students.

Sincerely,

William Spalding  
Superintendent