

## FW: Fire Alarm Monitoring Services

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In June, ADT informed DCSD that our fire alarm equipment required updating in order to continue to be monitored by the ADT monitoring system. Without these extensive updates, ADT would no longer be able to monitor our fire alarm system after July 31, 2022. Cliff's Fire Extinguisher Co., Inc. can immediately assume monitoring of the district's fire alarm systems. Cliff's Fire Extinguisher Co., Inc., already provides fire maintenance services for DCSD and can take over fire alarm system monitoring without a major overhaul of our system. This will provide continuity in fire alarm monitoring services to all of the District's schools and facilities, and provide the District the time needed to properly evaluate and upgrade our fire alarm system equipment and start procurement for a vendor to perform monitoring services on an annual basis.

An emergency is defined as any situation that threatens to jeopardize the health, welfare, or safety of students, staff, the District, or the public, or the loss of an essential District service. The loss of fire alarm monitoring services meets all of the requirements. Without the ability to have Cliff's Fire Extinguisher Co., Inc., to start monitoring services on August 1<sup>st</sup>, the District will need to notify the Dekalb County Fire Department that we do not have fire alarm monitoring coverage and we will need to have a 24-hour fire watch at each facility.

Based on the above, it is recommended that monitoring of the fire alarm system be deemed an emergency. Please provide your approval to deem fire alarm monitoring by Cliff's Fire Extinguisher Co., Inc., as an emergency so they can start monitoring our fire alarm system on August 1, 2022.

Thank you.

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