

CHRONOLOGY OF THE AGENDA ITEM

In June, ADT informed DCSD that our fire alarm equipment required updating 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 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.

The loss of fire alarm monitoring services meets all the requirements to be deemed an emergency. Without the ability to have Cliff's Fire Extinguisher Co., Inc., to start monitoring services on August 1st, 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

This approval establishes a qualified contractor that will provide Fire Alarm Monitoring Services for the district and will ensure continuity in fire alarm monitoring services to all of the district's schools and facilities.