

Chronology of Item

On April 18, 2023, DCSD provided additional information regarding the \$115.7 million in funding available for school security needs and enhancements included in the State amended FY 2023 budget. On May 22, 2023, GaDOE provided revisions to the FAQ for AFY23 stating that the \$50,000 per school could be utilized for any schools or spaces used for student activities. This allows DCSD to use the funds for more than the 132 schools previously identified by GaDOE.

After multiple meetings between DCSD Operations, Public Safety, and DIIT, it was determined that the strobe door alarms PG21 by Alarm Lock, were the desired door alarms for achieving enhanced school security in an equitable fashion. The door alarms will be installed at all exit doors that students may exit. Minimal installation and maintenance are required for the alarms. Some schools have already had the alarms installed prior to this determination and this information aided in the determination of the alarms being installed at other schools.

In September 2023, a proposal was received from HDSupply in the amount of \$1,805,409.90 for the installation of the selected door alarms. Another proposal was received from Grainger in the amount of \$1,420,174.56 for the installation of the selected door alarms and additional batteries. 4,500 alarms will be purchased with approximately 4,200 of them being installed and the remaining 300 being stored as attic stock. In December 2023, approval was given by GaDOE for the door alarms to be considered for reimbursement of the grant.

Utilizing the buying power of the State of Georgia Statewide Maintenance, Repair & Operations Contract No. 99999-001-SPD0000181, to support the GaDOE School Security Grant Program will result in the lowest cost to the district and allow the District to meet the established timelines to receive reimbursement from the GaDOE School Security Grant program.