Re: Use of Surveillance Cameras (2019-2020)

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Promoting and fostering school safety and ensuring a safe and effective learning environment is an important responsibility. After carefully considering and balancing the rights of privacy with our duty to promote discipline, health, welfare, and safety of staff and students, as well as that of the general public who has occasion to use our facilities, we have decided to use surveillance cameras when necessary in our school buildings, on our buses, and/or on our school grounds.

Surveillance cameras will only be utilized in public areas where there is no “reasonable expectation of privacy.” These cameras will not be monitored at all times. Audio recordings will not be utilized.

Any video recording used for surveillance purposes in BOCES buildings, buses, and/or property are the sole property of BOCES. Under no circumstances will the BOCES’ video recording be duplicated and/or removed from BOCES premises unless in accordance with a court order and/or subpoena.

We have posted appropriate signage notifying students, staff, and the general public of our use of surveillance cameras.

Sincerely,

Michael Skerritt
Executive Director of Human Resources