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# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (SURREY)

No. 7282

## **POLICY: SURVEILLANCE**

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### **PHILOSOPHY**

The Board recognizes that privacy is a fundamental value in a democratic society and emphasizes that this policy, and the practical use of surveillance, must be guided by a commitment to the privacy of students, staff, volunteers and the general public.

### **INTENT**

The Board recognizes its legal obligation to provide appropriate levels of supervision in the interests of student safety, and further recognizes that students have privacy rights that are reduced, but not eliminated, while the students are under the supervision of the school. Therefore, surveillance, like other forms of student supervision, must be carried out in a way that respects student privacy rights.

It is not the Board's intent to monitor the routine work of staff. The Board will seek to protect the privacy rights of its employees while balancing the need to protect its physical assets and the safety of its staff, students and volunteers.

### **AUTHORIZED USE**

The Board approves the use of surveillance methods or equipment where the circumstances have shown that it is necessary and the benefits of its use substantially outweigh its impact on the privacy of those observed.

The Board authorizes the use of surveillance on school district property, off school district property, and on school buses, where it is necessary to enhance the safety of students, staff, volunteers and the general public. In addition to safety, the objective for approved use is to prevent theft of, and deter destructive acts to the Board's physical assets.

### **IMPROPER USE**

The Board will not tolerate the improper use of surveillance and will take appropriate action in any case of wrongful use in and out of the School District.

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