Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA) Project /School Security



As you likely know, there has been recent attention given to LCSD's SSBA School Security Project. In the Sunday edition of the Buffalo News, you will find a story on our project.

LCSD has had security cameras and a security protocol for about 12 years. Our practices and procedures have evolved over that period of time and so has technology. We have worked with CSI Group LLC, led by former US Federal Marshal Tony Olivo, specializing in school security and investigations since the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT. Several years later, they introduced the AEGIS Security and Surveillance System to LCSD. This system became part of our SSBA Project application.

Obviously, there is much information that can't be revealed about the technology other that it is proprietary and delivers benefits such as the following:

- It is designed to work with our existing cameras
- It will send real time alerts when those who should not be within our schools enter
- It will send real time alerts on a gun in-hand to our control center, which will be at LHS, and once verified will be broadcast to law enforcement immediately
- It saves time and dollars in investigative work
- It provides GPS Location Identification during an active shooter threat

It is an integrated system and the technology has been vetted by our SSBA consultant and approved by the State Education Department (SED). The technology does not store any video except if there is an alert to be acted upon.

Work relating to the project has started. Installation for all LCSD buildings is expected to be completed by early Fall. Training for all employees is being planned.

There may be additional media attention within the region and nationally about Lockport's project. Other schools are interested in this technology and are waiting for approval from SED.

Thank you for your dedication and attention to school security. Please remember to be vigilant, and if you see or hear something suspicious, say something immediately. Be Safe.

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