

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

It is the opinion of the Chief Auditor that the current Resident on Campus Security Program at thirty-two schools that was implemented over thirty years ago to address theft, vandalism and trespassing on the school campuses is not adequately supervised, and operating with an expired lease agreement. Based upon the factors listed below, management should consider phasing-out the ROCS Program or restructuring the Program with a valid agreement containing clear special and general conditions, duties, reporting requirements, adequate monitoring of the program and the implementation of a discounted monthly lease payment fee.

The existing technology of alarm systems and fire alarm systems, along with the implementation of single point of entry, surveillance cameras, BDSPD staff on call and an Alarm Monitoring Unit (AMU) that monitors security alarms at all school sites 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, are key components of the District's security operation. Also, the fact that local Police Departments are consistently dispatched by the AMU when the security alarm is activated (goes off) at a school is an added security procedure. In addition, a comparison of the Incident Report prepared by AMU for a fifteen month period from August 2013 through November 2014, disclosed that there was not a significant difference between the reduction of theft, vandalism and trespassing at the schools that had ROCS Programs versus schools that do not participate in the ROCS Program. Further analysis of the Incident Report for the fifteen month period, disclosed that over 85% of the 703 security alarm activations for all schools were due to staff or maintenance personnel entering a school building without entering an access code or notifying AMU in advance of entering a school building or where an alarm was activated and local Police Departments were dispatched to the school and the outcome was reported as "No Problem Found" at the school. The local Police Departments were dispatched and investigated 91% of the incidents reported at ROCS schools during the fifteen month period. One major observation routinely noted by the ROCS Officers is the failure of the schools' personnel to ensure access gates are locked after school hours. By addressing this issue, the campus security can be improved. The recommendations were discussed with the appropriate administrative staff and their responses are included herein.