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Statement from the Plainedge Board of Education

The Plainedge community has demonstrated considerable financial support for school safety through our annual budgets. We believe there is nothing more important for families than knowing that their school district has established safety as the priority—through robust security staffing, preparedness training, and state-of-the art systems and technology.

This critical imperative requires ongoing funding and operational expertise. That is why it is so important for those who are entrusted with district financial responsibility—starting with this Board of Education—to understand how the systems were designed, how they were contractually engaged and paid for, and why they were prioritized over other school security systems.

As a result, we have commenced an internal review to conclusively determine timelines, vendor review and contractual processes, past and ongoing financial obligations, and all other matters associated with these investments. This financial transparency is critical to the confidence that residents have for school spending and is an appropriate exercise of the Board's oversight of district financial operations.

Our expectation is that this review will make the Board of Education and community at large aware of how the district is in alignment with all related regulatory and legal requirements.