

# **Grand Isle Supervisory Union**

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## **Public Notice**

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**The North Hero Board of School Directors will be considering the following policy at their regular Board meeting on April 3, 2018:**

### **Policy H8 – VIDEO SURVEILLANCE OF SCHOOL GROUNDS**

**The public is invited to comment on policy considerations. Copies of the policies are available at the North Hero School Office, at the Grand Isle Supervisory Union Office, and online at [www.gisu.org](http://www.gisu.org). Contact Principal Joe Resteghini for more information.**

## CODE H8 – VIDEO SURVEILLANCE OF SCHOOL GROUNDS

**Policy**

The North Hero School Board recognizes the District's responsibility to maintain order, safety, and discipline on school grounds. Incidents on school property, causing financial loss and property vandalism have precipitated the need for surveillance and The North Hero School Board recognizes the value of electronic surveillance systems in monitoring activity on school property in protecting the health, welfare, and safety of its students and staff, and to facilitate investigation of incidents on school grounds.

The School Board has authorized the installation and use of video cameras in public areas of the school, such as (but not limited to) entryways, school grounds including the parking lot, sidewalks, playing fields, and other school grounds. Individuals including students who are in such areas do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy. Such video recording may be conducted without prior notice and without student or parent consent.

**Procedure**

The District shall notify its students and staff annually that video surveillance may occur on school property. The District shall incorporate the notice in the Student Handbook, on the District's website, and/or in a separate mailing to students. The District shall post a notice at the main entrance of each school district building where video surveillance is in effect.

The use of video surveillance equipment on school grounds and on other District property shall be supervised and controlled by the building administrator or the Grand Isle Supervisory Union Superintendent. At no time should students, staff, parents and/or community members have any expectation that anyone is monitoring events on the surveillance cameras as they occur. Nor should they assume that someone will immediately respond to an incident in progress. All incidents of concern need to be reported immediately to the administration.

The use of video recordings from surveillance equipment shall be subject to the other policies of the District, including the policies concerning directory information and confidentiality of student and personnel records.

The District retains the right to use video recordings in student disciplinary hearings and staff personnel hearings. Subject to Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) and federal and state law, the resulting videos may be turned over to the proper legal authorities for criminal investigations.

*Date Warned: 03/19/2018*

*Date Adopted:*