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Testimony before the
Senate Committee on Education
 on
SB 465
 by

**Testimony provided on behalf of Jess Herbig – Executive Director of Student Services – USD #265
 Goddard Public Schools and Doug Maxwell – Chief Financial Officer – USD #265 Goddard Public Schools**

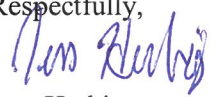
Madam Chair and members of the committee:

We stand in support of SB 465 as it is presented today. The safety and security of school buildings is of paramount importance – including both the physical security along with the security of systems around the school. Goddard USD #265 is a unique school district in the fact that we have our own police force. The district put a focus on security after the Goddard school shooting that took place on Jan. 21, 1985 that took the life of James McGee. James was serving as the principal of the middle school at the time of the shooting. The Goddard community made a commitment after this shooting to have our own police force. We currently have 7 officers serving in our schools and we have added two officers since the Uvalde shooting in Texas. In the last 15 years there have been bond projects that attempted to address upgrading cameras at our school entrances where guests must buzz into the building. It also included security hardware in each classroom where the staff could lock the door from the inside of the room. We are at a point where our security camera system needs to be upgraded, along with our current emergency radio system. This emergency radio system would allow our police department to communicate with other agencies in a crisis or emergency safety situation. Goddard USD #265 school district supports any additional flexibility that can be provided through the capital outlay fund as our expenditures continue to grow in these areas as described in Senate Bill 465.

The past few years have included security concerns that isn't visible to our staff. This year we spent around \$27,000 dollars for software that would monitor windows computers to help ward off cyber-attacks and ransomware. This amount was required to receive cyber security insurance. We also had to pay \$42,626 towards cyber liability insurance. We have found that this amount is just for the minimal coverage. Our district is committed to best practice in cyber security, but to get there this would cost our district an additional \$95,000. This would include a managed endpoint detection response system, which would allow our district to have experts looking over our network. School districts don't have the staff, nor the skill set to monitor the threat of cyber security as it is ever changing. SB 465 would give our district the flexibility to raise additional funds as needed to address the ever-changing landscape of cyber security.

Goddard USD #265 is committed to providing a safe, caring, and connected learning environment to educate the whole child academically, physically, and socially. SB 465 would provide our district with the ability to address both the physical security of our buildings, as well as the cyber security needs for our students and staff.

Respectfully,


 Jess Herbig
 Executive Director of Student Services


 Doug Maxwell
 Chief Financial Officer