



# Lexington Public Schools

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Dear Ms. Rótolo:

I am writing in response to your October 13, 2010, public records request, which was received by this office on October 21, 2010. At this writing, I am able to provide the following records relative to the use of security cameras in the Lexington Schools as specified in **Items 1 and 4** of your request:

1. Email correspondence between myself and LHS Dean William Cole from October 2009
2. Email correspondence to a Lexington High School parent (name redacted) from October 2009
3. Minutes of the Lexington School Committee Meeting of September 22, 2008
4. Document shared with the Lexington School Committee and the Lexington Minuteman weekly newspaper on September 22, 2008
5. Minutes of the Lexington School Committee Meeting of February 3, 2009
6. Jonas Clarke Middle School 2008-2009 School Improvement Plan
7. School Committee Goals for 2008-2009
8. Minutes of the Lexington School Committee Meeting of October 6, 2009
9. Excerpt from the Elementary School Master Plan Appendices prepared in March 2009
10. Minutes of the Lexington School Committee Meeting of February 9, 2010
11. Minutes of the LPS Policy Subcommittee Meeting of April 1, 2010
12. Minutes of the Lexington School Committee Meeting of April 12, 2010
13. Minutes of the LPS Policy Subcommittee Meeting of May 6, 2010
14. Minutes of the LPS Policy Subcommittee Meeting of June 2, 2010
15. Minutes of the LPS Policy Subcommittee Meeting of June 28, 2010
16. Minutes of the LPS Policy Subcommittee Meeting of September 13, 2010
17. Draft Lexington Public Schools Security Camera Policy dated October 18, 2010
18. Excerpt from Facilities Report to School Committee, October 19, 2010
19. Email correspondence from Harrington School Principal Elaine Mead dated October 27, 2010
20. Email correspondence from Fiske School Principal Thomas Martellone dated October 27, 2010

21. Email correspondence and attachment (February 2009 JCSA Newsletter article) from Clarke Middle School Principal Steven Flynn dated October 28, 2010
22. Email correspondence from Lexington High School Principal Natalie Cohen dated November 1, 2010

**Item #3** of your request asks for *“Any contracts between any of the Lexington schools and the federal Department of Homeland Security regarding cameras.”* Please be advised that no such document(s) exist.

**Item #5** of your request asks for *“Any contracts, agreements or memoranda of understanding between any of the Lexington schools and any law enforcement agency regarding the use of or access to surveillance cameras installed in the schools.”* Please be advised that no such document(s) exist.

**Item #6** of your request asks for *“Any documents showing the location of cameras inside any and all of the schools in Lexington.”* Pursuant to the Massachusetts Public Records Law, G. L. c. 4, § 7 (26)(n), documents related to this part of your request are exempt from public disclosure as the release of this information is “likely to jeopardize public safety.”

While we are waiving the costs incurred in providing you with the enclosed documents, we anticipate the retrieval, segregation, output, and duplication of items specified in **Item #2** may require a substantial amount of time and resources. If you are still interested in our estimating the cost of producing the documents requested in **Item #2**, please write and let me know.

Sincerely,



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cc: Patrick Goddard  
Director of Public Facilities