SCHOOL SECURITY PILOT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, as shown by tragic recent events, including the horrific attack at University of North Carolina at Charlotte, no community is safe from the danger of school shooter attacks;

WHEREAS, in addition to efforts to prevent such attacks, we must do everything we can to ensure police and first responders are able to respond to school shooter attacks immediately in order to protect children, teachers, and administrators;

WHEREAS, there are increasing incidences of students bringing guns to school and unauthorized persons entering schools;

WHEREAS, security technology, originally developed for the military, now exists that will immediately detect gunshots in school buildings, alert first responders, and provide them with pinpoint information showing the location of an active shooter;

WHEREAS, the High Point Police Department, working with educators and security industry experts, recently pioneered the implementation of a one-of-a-kind gunshot detection technology, using a unified security platform that incorporates CCTV video, facility access control, threat levels, live gunshot data and locations through a single user interface, which feeds directly to law enforcement in real time, on a graphic interface, including mobile devices, being the first police department to do so in the country; and

WHEREAS, this technology should be installed in all schools, and integrated with police departments, so that all children are protected;

RESOLVED, that the City Council requests that the General Assembly appropriate funds for a pilot program to install these integrated security systems employing gunshot detection systems, linked to police and first responders, in schools in North Carolina, and to train police, first responders, teachers, and educators, in the use of this critical lifesaving technology.

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Jay W. Wagner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa B. Vierling, City Clerk