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WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BEGINS INSTALLATION OF HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS DETECTION DEVICES

A new weapons detection system will be used at the district's middle schools and high schools. The system uses superior technology and is more current compared to traditional metal detectors. The EVOLV system is fully-portable, and weather-resistant for outdoor use. Each system includes the detection system, equipment, and supplies for set-up, operators, and transportation.

The EVOLV system uses algorithm technology along with cameras to detect concealed weapons. It detects shapes, density, and location to provide the operator with a targeted search indicator. One key advantage of the EVOLV system is the ability for students to flow through its system at a normal pace while still providing accurate detection information.

The two main reasons this Evolv system was selected is because it uses technology that is more current and effective than traditional metal detectors or other systems, and it allows multiple students to pass through at the same time at a normal pace. Traditional metal detectors and other systems can cause large groups of people to gather while they wait to go through a system, and that creates a different security risk that can be avoided with the EVOLV system.

The district will evaluate the system to determine if additional units should be purchased and implemented moving forward. The system can also be deployed at sporting and other events on an as-needed basis. A WCSD Technician will operate each system. The EVOLV system is one of the many tools the district uses to create a safe learning environment for students. This is one of many measures WCSD has in place for safety and security.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=77X2WF2UWhI>

See pictures below

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