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Dear Mayor Buffaloe and City Council Members:

As the director of Safety and Security for Columbia Public Schools, I am writing to express support for the FUSUS proposal for the Columbia Police Department being considered by City Council.

As you are aware, Columbia Public Schools has a great partnership with the Columbia Police Department. This partnership allows for collaboration and sharing of resources to create a safe learning environment for our scholars. We regularly work together to ensure the safety of our scholars, families, employees, and community who access and utilize our schools and campuses.

As part of this on-going relationship, we regularly share information. In a time of crisis, the valuable seconds that would be gained by allowing the Columbia Police Department to access our security cameras could mean the difference between life and death for our students, employees, and anyone in our buildings or on our campuses.

The district values the importance of keeping our schools safe and secure. This proposed technology would provide an additional layer of support in keeping our schools and our community safe.

Thank you for your consideration of this important safety proposal that we believe will have a positive impact on safety and security in Columbia Public Schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "W".

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