

## Resolution 2425R-007

### By Director Ferguson

WHEREAS, Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all students, staff, and visitors within its schools; and

WHEREAS, The Milwaukee Board of School Directors has declared that, as part of the vision of the Milwaukee Public Schools, “Schools will be safe, welcoming, well-maintained, and accessible community centers meeting the needs of all”; and

WHEREAS, In adopting Administrative Policy 4.03, Security, the Board “endorses the concept of allowing individual schools to formulate individual school security plans”; and

WHEREAS, The recent school shooting in Madison, as well as recent incidents of firearms being brought onto the grounds of MPS schools within the past few months, have only served to reinforce the need to be proactive in preventing weapons from being allowed onto or used within MPS properties; and

WHEREAS, Modern and effective scanning equipment can serve as a critical and useful tool to identify and prevent the presence of prohibited or potentially dangerous weapons or items on school premises; and

WHEREAS, The current scanning equipment found in MPS schools may require updates or replacements to meet modern safety standards and ensure reliable operation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Milwaukee Board of School Directors directs the Administration to:

1. Obtain a Financial Estimate: Conduct an assessment and obtain initial cost estimates for upgrading or replacing scanning equipment across MPS sites to improve safety measures.
2. Evaluate School Needs: Include in the assessment an overview of each school’s current scanning equipment, identifying deficiencies and potential improvements necessary to meet and enhance safety objectives.
3. Provide a Report: Present the cost estimates, along with any relevant recommendations, to the Milwaukee Board of School Directors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this initial report be presented in the February 2025 Board Cycle for further consideration.

*Introduced December 18, 2024*