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DCSD Expands Weapons Detection Systems to Sports Facilities and More Schools

All DCSD Football Home Games to Use Technology Beginning Tonight

(STONE MOUNTAIN, GA)— The DeKalb County School District (*DCSD*) enhances safety for the 2024-25 school year by expanding the *Evolv Express®* weapons detection system to more of its venues and campuses.

This advanced technology, which has already proven effective in 41 middle and high schools across the District, will now be deployed at five football stadiums, six additional high school programs and centers, and the DCSD's main headquarters, the Robert R. Freeman Administrative & Instructional Complex in Stone Mountain.

Starting this season, visitors attending home DCSD football and basketball games will experience the enhanced safety and convenience provided by the Evolv system. Widely used in professional sports arenas, concert venues, schools, and other public facilities, this state-of-the-art technology utilizes powerful sensor technology, artificial intelligence, and comprehensive venue analytics to ensure accurate and rapid threat detection.

"The one thing that people like most about the EVOLV weapons detection system is that it allows individuals to go through without having to stop, empty their pockets or bags, or wait in long lines," DCSD Police Chief Tracey Whaley said. "We're able to do this because we have specialty trained safety personnel who are monitoring the stations in real-time and can quickly identify and address any potential threats or concerns."

Chief Whaley also reminded all attendees to DCSD sporting events that the District will continue to enforce its <u>Clear Bag Policy</u>.

The expansion of the *Evolv Express®* is part of DCSD's ongoing commitment to maintaining its number one objective: Creating and maintaining secure environments for all students, staff, families, and visitors.

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