

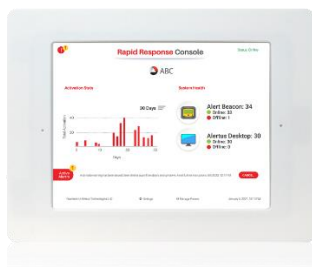
Broward County Public Schools has started the installation of the ALERTUS Mass Notification System (the System) at Peters Elementary School. This new system will enhance emergency notifications and communications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) community located at four school sites listed below.

- Peters Elementary School
- Tropical Elementary School
- Seminole Middle School
- South Plantation High School

The Safety, Security, and Emergency Preparedness (SSEP) and Information Technology (IT) Divisions are responsible for implementing this project, which will be conducted in two phases.

### **Phase 1**

The first phase of the project involves installing ALERTUS software on District computers and programming a local Rapid Response Console (example below) in each school's administrative area.



The System works via a software application that communicates visual full-screen alerts to all District-owned devices connected to the school's network in the event of an emergency, as shown below:



The software is activated by the Quick Response Console located in a constantly monitored location by authorized/trained personnel. Once the System has been

accepted as being compliant, the System will be implemented at the remaining DHH Sites with an anticipated Phase 1 installation completion date of **December 23, 2022**.

Beginning the week of December 12, 2022, designated school administrators will begin to receive equipment delivery and training information. Key SSEP personnel will observe the training to ensure this new process is included in established emergency communications and security protocols.

## **Phase 2**

Phase 2 of the project will include additional devices being purchased and installed in common areas and critical notification areas at each site (examples below).



Once approved, we estimate that Phase 2 of the project will complete by **April 15, 2023**. However, if any impediments arise that cause a delay in Phase 2 of the project, we will ensure to communicate the new estimated completion timeline.

For additional questions about this project please contact our BCPS Alertus Project Team via email at [alertus@browardschools.com](mailto:alertus@browardschools.com).

The funding request for Phase 2 of the project is going to the BCPS Board on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, as part of Item # OO-17: ITB-FY23-016 – Audio Visual Products, Service & Computer Peripherals (Catalog). Anyone wishing to address the School Board and Superintendent at the meeting may attend at the KC Wright Building, [600 SE 3rd Ave, Fort Lauderdale 33301](https://www.browardschools.com/locations/kc-wright-building) starting at 10 am. A sign language interpreter has been requested to be in attendance.

For more information on attending the Board meeting, please contact Jacqui Luscombe, ESE Advisory chair, at [ese.chair@gmail.com](mailto:ese.chair@gmail.com).