

## **EMERGENCY PLANNING**

BAISCA can develop and implement concise building asset inventories for emergency equipment such as fire alarms or intrusion detection systems, generators, intercoms, or surveillance cameras.



### **Case Study: Surveillance Cameras**

Schools across the country are faced with the challenge of keeping their students and teachers safe, while maintaining an environment that promotes learning and social growth. Districts must continually revise their Emergency and Disaster plans to be certain information is complete, accurate, and easily accessible. The Facilities Department has an important role in providing updated records for building systems that in one way or another may impact the emergency plan.

Recent advancements in technology have created a wide gap within most school districts regarding types and operations of alarm systems, access control, surveillance, and communications equipment. Keeping track of how each school is equipped is a daunting task. Consider surveillance cameras as an example. Enthusiasm for the deployment of CCTV (closed circuit television) cameras in schools started picking up in response to events like Columbine High School shootings on April 20, 1999. That same year the federal government launched The Safe Schools/Healthy Students program, which disbursed around \$2 billion to schools around the country for CCTV cameras and other equipment meant to improve student safety. Today, many high schools may have more than 200 cameras throughout the campus some of which can be accessible on-line, others that are tied directly to on-site digital video recording equipment.



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