

**RESOLUTION NO. 11 -2013, EXAMINING THE FEASIBILITY OF
INSTALLING EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS IN
SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT SUFFOLK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk is charged with protecting the health and safety of all its residents, but takes additional steps to ensure the safety of children; and

WHEREAS, the nation was devastated by the mass murder of 26 children and teachers at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, sadly, the tragedy in Newtown was not the first of its kind, as the nation has previously borne witness to numerous shooting tragedies at schools throughout the nation, including those at Columbine High School in Colorado and the massacre at Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, school shootings have continued even in the wake of the tragedy in Newtown, as a student at Taft Union High School in California shot another student less than one month later; and

WHEREAS, schools need to utilize appropriate resources to improve safety at their facilities and protect children and school staff against senseless acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, emergency security buttons that can directly alert local law enforcement agencies are available to individuals who receive substantial credible threats of violence; and

WHEREAS, the County should explore the feasibility of installing similar Emergency Notification Systems at all schools throughout the County as an additional safeguard to protect Suffolk County's youngest residents; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Police Department is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to study the feasibility of providing Emergency Notification Systems to all schools throughout the County of Suffolk; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the study shall include an examination of the technical issues involved in implementing and maintaining such a system throughout the County and the costs, and possible sources of funding for such a system; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Police Department shall issue a written report with its findings and recommendations to the County Executive, each member of the County Legislature and the Clerk of the Legislature within 120 days of the effective date of this Resolution; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the

NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: February 5, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: February 14, 2013