

Mr. Stephen H. Guthrie, Superintendent  
Carroll County Public Schools  
125 North Court Street  
Westminster, MD 21157

**Re: *Biometric Scanning***

Dear Mr. Guthrie,

As a parent and member of the community, I join with The Rutherford Institute in voicing my concern over threats to parental rights, security and privacy posed by the increasing influx of invasive surveillance and tracking technology in the schools.

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to resist making government tracking and surveillance ubiquitous in the schoolhouse, whether in the form of biometric palm readers, finger scans, RFID tags or any other invasive devices that would predicate access to school facilities and programs (including the school's front door, the classroom, the nurse's office, the library, buses, athletic events and dances, etc.) on technological compliance.

As a taxpayer with a vested interest in making sure that the rights of students and families are not forfeited for the sake of government expediency and corporate profit, I demand that the Carroll County Public Schools cease its implementation of the biometric palm reader program for students who buy school lunches or, at a minimum, refuse to extend it beyond current contract obligations and only allow students to enroll in the program upon receiving express written permission from a parent.

Sincerely yours,

[Name]