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Florence 1 Schools Expands Partnership With Evolv Technology, Doubles Down On Commitment to School Safety

The School District Was the Second Academic Institution in the U.S. to Adopt the AI-Powered Weapons Detection

WALTHAM, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Evolv Technology (NASDAQ: EVLV), the leader in AI-based weapons detection security screening, has expanded its partnership with South Carolina's Florence 1 Schools. In 2019, the largest school district in Florence County, Florence 1, [became the second school district in the country](#) to implement Evolv's technology. It has since expanded its use to 23 Evolv Express® systems across eight schools.

Evolv Express® uses powerful sensor technology with artificial intelligence (AI) to provide safer, more accurate threat detection at superior volume and speed. Florence 1 Schools screen thousands of students, staff, and visitors Monday through Friday across its high school and middle schools.

"Florence 1 Schools is dedicated to the safety of our students and staff," said Kyle Jones, deputy superintendent of Florence 1 Schools. "We have Evolv at our entry points, helping to detect items that might cause harm before they enter the building. That extra layer of security provides a sense of comfort to our parents, faculty, and the greater community, and demonstrates our recognition that violence in schools is increasing and we've taken a concrete step to address it."

Students, staff, and visitors can walk right through the Evolv Express units every morning without always having to be individually screened. The system can differentiate between threats and everyday metal items carried in pockets and personal bags, such as keys and phones.

In addition to enhancing school safety, Evolv Express takes up significantly less space than the metal detectors Florence 1 previously used. The single dual-lane Evolv system in place at each entry point replaces four metal detectors. Systems are set up at the main entrances, bus and gym entries to the high school and middle schools. The old metal detectors required individuals to pass through slowly and in single file, causing long lines and delayed entry that cut into time in the classroom. Evolv Express helps keep schools safer while helping with expedited entry and added learning time.

"As an early adopter, Florence 1's belief in Evolv as an effective measure to improve school safety helped us forge partnerships with hundreds of school districts and counting all over the country," said Neil Sandhoff, Evolv's vice president of education. "We are immensely proud of our continued work with Florence 1, which helped pave the way for like-minded communities working to create safer environments for children and teachers so that they can all focus on learning."

More than 600 U.S. schools have partnered with Evolv. [Atlanta Public Schools](#), [Nebraska's Winnebago Public Schools](#), and [New Mexico's Clovis Municipal Schools](#), among others, have all put in place Evolv systems to create a more efficient and effective screening process as part of a layered approach to school safety. Evolv solutions are used to screen about 250,000 students every day across the U.S.

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