



Randallstown NAACP Branch #7032-B

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Randallstown NAACP Branch #7032-B Demands Accountability from BCPS Superintendent Dr. Myriam Rogers for Leadership Failures Following Kenwood High School AI Surveillance Incident

Randallstown, MD — October 29, 2025 — On behalf of the **Executive Committee** and under the leadership of **Dr. Tekemia Dorsey**, the **Randallstown NAACP Branch #7032-B** calls for **immediate accountability, transparency, and leadership reform** within **Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS)** following the **Kenwood High School Omnilert AI surveillance incident**, which resulted in the **false handcuffing and detainment of a 16-year-old African American male student**.

This deeply troubling event underscores what the Randallstown NAACP Branch #7032-B identifies as a **complete failure of leadership within BCPS**, under **Superintendent Dr. Myriam Rogers**, and not merely an operational error by school personnel or local law enforcement.

A Breakdown of Leadership and Oversight

The **Randallstown NAACP Branch #7032-B** asserts that the **root cause** of this incident lies in a **systemic failure of leadership, training, and accountability** within BCPS. The responsibility for this crisis does **not** rest on the after-action responses of law enforcement or the statements of Councilman Julian Jones. It rests squarely on the shoulders of **Superintendent Dr. Myriam Rogers and her executive team**, who failed to implement and oversee protocols that protect all students, particularly students of color.

Under Dr. Rogers's leadership, BCPS has introduced advanced surveillance technology into schools without sufficient transparency, oversight, or community engagement. This failure has now resulted in the **traumatization**



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of an innocent student—a direct consequence of poor preparation and disregard for equitable safety practices.

The BCPS Timeline Exposes Gaps in Leadership

According to BCPS's own October 28, 2025, press release:

- **7:04 p.m.** – Omnilert alert issued.
- **7:05–7:06 p.m.** – BCPS Department of School Safety reviewed and **cancelled** the alert.
- **7:17 p.m.** – Principal contacted the School Resource Officer (SRO).
- **7:23 p.m.** – Police arrived at Kenwood High School responding to a “suspicious person with a weapon.”

Despite the **Omnilert alert being cleared within two minutes**, the police were called **16 minutes later**, resulting in the **handcuffing and detainment of an innocent 16-year-old Black student**. This is not a matter of miscommunication — this is a **systemic leadership breakdown**.

The superintendent's failure to ensure proper training, bias awareness, and procedural oversight directly contributed to this harm.

Critical Questions the Randallstown NAACP Branch #7032-B Demands Be Answered

The **Randallstown NAACP Branch #7032-B Executive Committee** demands that **Superintendent Dr. Myriam Rogers** and BCPS leadership immediately and publicly address the following questions:

1. **Why did it take 11 minutes for the principal to contact the SRO after the Omnilert alert was cancelled?**



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2. **Why were police called 16 minutes after the Omnilert system had already been cleared by BCPS safety officials?**
3. **Why did the SRO contact the local precinct knowing the alert had been verified as false?**
4. **What was the principal fearful of once the Omnilert alert had been cancelled and no credible threat existed?**
5. **Why didn't the school principal intervene on the student's behalf when the police arrived and approached the student—knowing the Omnilert alert and threat had been cancelled 16 minutes prior?**
6. **Were the principal's and SRO's actions consistent with BCPS's official safety and de-escalation protocols?**
7. **Why has Superintendent Dr. Myriam Rogers not accepted responsibility for these leadership and communication failures?**

Each of these questions points to a lack of oversight, moral responsibility, and administrative accountability at the top levels of BCPS leadership.

Formal Records Request & Detailed Inquiry

On **October 26, 2025**, prior to BCPS's public statement, the **Randallstown NAACP Branch #7032-B** submitted a **Formal Records Request & Detailed Inquiry** to **Superintendent Dr. Myriam Rogers** under the **Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA)**

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This request demands comprehensive documentation and transparency regarding:



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- The deployment and operational equity of the **Omnilert AI surveillance system**;
- Oversight and accountability policies;
- Data privacy, retention, and law enforcement collaboration;
- Fiscal justification and Board approval processes; and
- Any demographic or civil rights impact assessments conducted before or after implementation.

A formal written response is required within **15 business days**, and the Branch expects direct accountability from **Dr. Rogers**, not delegated replies from subordinates or communications staff.

Statement from Dr. Tekemia Dorsey, President

“This incident is a failure of leadership at its highest level,” said **Dr. Tekemia Dorsey**, President of the Randallstown NAACP Branch #7032-B.

“A 16-year-old African American student was handcuffed and detained after a false AI alert that had been cancelled 16 minutes earlier. This is not an accident—it is the outcome of a system that prioritizes technology over humanity, reaction over reason, and self-preservation over student protection. Accountability must start at the top, with Superintendent Dr. Myriam Rogers and BCPS leadership.”

Demands for Accountability and Corrective Action

The **Randallstown NAACP Branch #7032-B** demands that BCPS:

1. **Accept full responsibility** for this leadership failure at the Superintendent level.



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2. Initiate an **independent investigation** into the Kenwood High School incident, with findings made public.
3. **Release all internal communications, reports, and video footage** related to the false alert and student detainment.
4. Implement **mandatory system-wide retraining** on AI alert protocols, implicit bias, and trauma-informed de-escalation.
5. Establish an **Independent Community Oversight Board**—including NAACP representation—to ensure ongoing transparency and accountability in all BCPS safety and surveillance practices.

The Branch will host a **Community Accountability Forum in November 2025** to present updates, review BCPS's responses, and outline next steps in the fight for equity, safety, and justice in Baltimore County schools.

Commitment to Civil Rights and Non-Partisan Advocacy

As a **non-partisan civil rights organization**, the **Randallstown NAACP Branch #7032-B** does not endorse or oppose any political party or candidate. Its mission is to **protect students' civil rights, demand accountability from public leadership, and ensure that every school in Baltimore County is a place of safety, dignity, and justice for all.**

About the Randallstown NAACP Branch #7032-B

The Randallstown NAACP Branch advocates for civil rights, equity, and justice throughout Baltimore County. The branch leads initiatives promoting educational fairness, economic empowerment, and government accountability to advance the well-being of all residents.

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