



Tarkington ISD Receives \$100,000+ Security System Donation from Convergent

This summer, Tarkington Independent School District received a free security system upgrade from Convergent, as part of the company's STEP Up—Secure, Train, Educate, and Protect—for Schools Initiative. The safety of our students, staff, and community has always been a top priority and we were thrilled to welcome over 175 local Convergent colleagues and partners to our campus to upgrade the current camera, access control, and card reader systems for five of our buildings. These security systems were donated from Convergent's partners and is valued at \$100,000+. We're grateful for the generosity of Convergent and inspired by their mission to live by their Values and Beliefs – with a focus on dedication to the community and prioritizing giving back.

The work that Convergent completed in one day usually takes weeks to complete and we're proud to have our security system upgraded to the latest innovative technology solutions. In addition to this system upgrade, Convergent completed beautification projects around our campus, including painting, landscaping and other upkeep tasks. We're excited to welcome students and staff back to school in the fall.

Convergent is a \$2.5 billion USD global, industry-leading systems integrator that designs, installs, and services electronic security, cybersecurity, fire and life safety, building automation, and audio-visual systems – leading with more than 200 locations worldwide. In 2018, Convergent established its STEP Up for Schools Initiative to help strengthen school security around the world. Through the program, Convergent provides free interior and exterior security system installations (including cybersecurity and fire systems), upgrades, and assessments to schools. To date, more than 100 STEP Up projects have been completed by Convergent and its partners. This STEP Up project is part of Convergent's 23rd annual Convergent Social Responsibility Day, which was launched in 2002 to help support the local communities where colleagues live and work. This year, on June 7th, Convergent closed over 200 global locations – giving all colleagues the opportunity to participate in charitable initiatives around the world.

For schools looking to learn more and apply to Convergent's STEP Up program, they can visit:
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