

# This is what they're all talking about!



## Charter school, 'spy eyes' focus of school board

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The charter school and surveillance cameras at the high school were the focus of Monday night's Colby School Board meeting.

Diana Wieland, the district curriculum director, updated the board on the progress for the school. She said the state is making decisions now on how much money will be given this fall for charter schools.

So far, she said 10 districts have acknowledged they will be going ahead with their charters and four others haven't yet indicated their plans.

Wieland said how much money Colby will get for its first year this fall is contingent on how many schools accept their charters.

The board approved the charter school petition in January.

The school's first year, in 2004-2005 will be a planning year and the first students will be accepted in 2004-2006 with grades five through

cameras at the high school.

Kraus said they will be taking close look at the systems at Ha High School and Ransom.

School board president St Molstad wanted to know what cameras could potentially placed.

Kraus said they would be external only to begin with but would later expand to interior later.

He said they would start with exterior because of safety issue the parking lot, such as reckless driving and keeping an eye on interior doors to keep anyone unauthorized from getting in.

Middle school principal J Ross said they're finishing tests and are getting results back from informal reading tests. He said reading test is done by the school to evaluate what grade level students are reading at and he said the results are looking positive.

Grade school principal Tim Harrison said they're also ge

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