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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The safety of your children is the District's number one priority. As part of our continued enhancement of safety procedures within the District a new web-based visitor registration system called Raptor is being implemented in all of the schools. Raptor enhances school security by scanning a visitor's driver's license or government identification card, comparing the information to a national sex offender database from all 50 states and printing a visitor badge that includes a photo, the visitor's name, date and time.

A key feature of Raptor is that a visitor only has to have his or her license scanned once. Once the license is scanned, the visitor's name, date of birth and picture are stored in the system and the next time he or she visits, the greeter will type in the visitor's name and print the visitor badge. To facilitate the scanning of visitor licenses or identification cards, you will have the opportunity to be entered into the system during Open House on September 19, 2013. If you bring your license or identification card this evening it will be quickly scanned into the system. Once you are in the system you do not have to have your license scanned again on your next visit to the school.

It is important to note that Raptor system only scans the visitor's name, date of birth and photo for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. Additional visitor data from the driver's license is not gathered nor is the system connected to any other system such as the Department of Motor Vehicles. Therefore any other information connected to the visitor's driver's license is not part of the system and is not accessible to any of the users.

The safety of our students is our highest priority and the Raptor visitor registration system provides a consistent way to aid in keeping away people who may present a danger to students. Therefore, all visitors to the school must be scanned into the system and obtain a visitor badge. The visitor badges must be returned to the greeter at the conclusion of the visit. If you have any questions about the system, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your cooperation as we continue to enhance the safety of our schools.

Yours truly,

*Raymond Williams*

Principal