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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Antietam School district is pleased to announce that we will begin using the Raptor Visitor Management System in all of our schools to strengthen our program of campus safety for students and faculty. We will begin using this system on Monday, March 4, 2019. Part of keeping students and faculty safe is knowing who is in our buildings at all times, and the Raptor system will allow us to accomplish this. The Raptor system will better allow us to screen visitors, contractors, and volunteers in our schools and provide us with a safer environment for our students and staff.

Upon entering a district building, visitors will be asked to present an ID such as a Driver's License, which can either be scanned or manually entered into the system. The Raptor system will check to ensure that registered sexual offenders are not entering our school campuses without our knowledge. The Raptor system checks the visitor's name and date of birth for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. The registered sex offender database is the only official database checked by the Raptor system. No other data from the ID is gathered or recorded and the information is not shared with any outside agency. The system will also check for any "Custody" and "Protection from Abuse" (PFA) orders that we have on file. Please make sure we have the most recent "Legal Documents" that pertain to your child or children. Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit. A visitor's badge will not be necessary for those who visit our schools simply to drop off an item in the office or pick up paperwork.

The safety of our students is our highest priority, and the implementation of the Raptor system will provide an extra measure of security to ensure their safety. Thank you in advance for your support to enhance the school safety protocols in our district.

For more information, please visit our Raptor FAQ Page on the District website.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Boyer