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IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

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Dear Bluehawk Parents & Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the **Hudson City School District will be implementing a new computerized visitor management system beginning Monday, November 19.** The following will outline, and hopefully, answer any questions you may have concerning the new system. We believe the implementation of this new technology will benefit you, your child, and the district in many ways and we hope that you will take full advantage of the many convenient features the system has to offer. Please read the following information carefully, and if you have any questions please feel free to call the Main Office of the school your child attends.

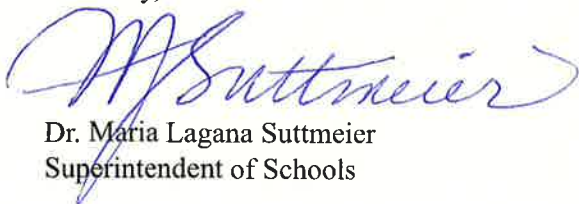
The new system is a computerized security program that offers many features to protect your child from outside threats. Let's review the basic functions of the system. First, any visitor entering one of our district facilities will be required to provide a state-issued photo ID. A representative of the district will scan this ID using the latest in ID scanning technology. If your child's school has chosen the School Gate Guardian Kiosk option you will be required to scan your own ID. The system instantly captures the name, photo, and the birth date of the visitor and, when this successfully occurs, the software compares the identity of the visitor with the national sex offender registry. If a positive match occurs, district personnel will be immediately and discreetly alerted. To prevent false positives, the system has the ability to compare a photograph of the actual registered sex offender to the visitor.

Another feature the new system offers is the protection of your child from a spouse with any type of custodial issue. Be it partial custody or no custody, if you provide our district with the proper court documents and the identity of your spouse, the software will alert district personnel of an attempted, non-authorized visit. The software will also help us identify approved guardians so you can be assured we are placing your children in the proper hands.

Ultimately, the system will print you a time-expiring visitor label that we ask you wear during your visit to our school. As you leave our facility, please return your badge at the entrance you came in through so we can scan you out of the system.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and your participation. We are very excited about this new project and we hope you will share our enthusiasm during the implementation of this new technology.

Sincerely,



Dr. Maria Lagana Suttmeier
Superintendent of Schools

