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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Palmdale 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.

The Raptor Visitor Management System scans the ID's of those wishing to gain access to a school. It will log the name of the visitor as well as the, date, time and purpose of the visit. It will also compare the name and date of birth with the registered sex offender database, and will alert school staff when there is a match.

Upon entering a district building, visitors will be asked to present a photo ID such as a Driver's License, which will be scanned by the Raptor system. If the visitor does not have a government-issued photo ID, the school staff member can use any form of photo identification, such as a passport, to manually enter the person's information into the Raptor system. Once the visitor has been approved, a name badge will be printed for them to wear for the duration of their 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.

PLEASE NOTE: The Raptor system will only check the visitor's name and date of birth for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. No other data from the ID is gathered or recorded and the information is not shared with any outside agency.

Our highest priority is to keep our students and faculty safe, and part of that is knowing who is in our buildings at all times. The Raptor system will better allow us to screen visitors, contractors, parents and volunteers before entering our schools and to quickly identify those that may present a danger to our students.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and your support in enhancing the school safety protocols in our district.

Sincerely,



Raul Maldonado
Superintendent of Schools