



April 1, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Rensselaer City School District is pleased to announce that effective September 1, 2015 we will begin using the Raptor Visitor Management System in our district to build on the district's program of campus safety for students and faculty. Additionally, this system comes highly recommended by our law enforcement agencies. Part of keeping students and faculty safe is knowing who is in our building at all times and the Raptor system will allow us to do that. The Raptor system will better allow us to track 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 a valid state-issued ID, which will be scanned into the system. The Raptor system will check to ensure that registered sexual offenders are not entering our buildings. It is important to note that the 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 on the ID is not scanned by the system and is not accessible to any of the users. Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit.

If you are interested in learning more about the Raptor visitor management system, please visit the Raptor Technologies website (www.raptortech.com).

The safety of our students is our highest priority and the Raptor visitor management system provides a consistent way to aid in keeping away people who may present a danger to our students. Therefore, all visitors to the school must be scanned into the system and obtain a visitor badge. We will be holding Open Registration for parents between April 15th and the close of the school year. We strongly encourage parents to stop in one of the main offices to complete the process. Once again, we will fully implement the Raptor Visitor Management System beginning September 1, 2015.

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

Sincerely,

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