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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The safety of our students is always a top priority for the Watertown City School District. As part of our overall District Safety initiative, we will be implementing "Raptor," a district-wide school visitor screening system. This letter details the new procedures and introduces the new visitor screening system.

Raptor provides an effective way to help schools keep visitors who are not cleared to enter while keeping track of those admitted in. The new system will:

- Electronically sign in and sign out visitors,
- Print visitor badges,
- Screen all visitors against the national sex offender database,
- Provide real-time offender alerts.

By simply scanning a visitor's driver's license, other valid ID, or inputting valid identification information, Raptor instantly screens for registered sex offenders in all 50 states. If a potential threat is identified, the Raptor system sends instant alerts to designated officials, including administrators and law enforcement, including our SRO, via email and/or text messaging.

Please know that confidentiality is very important to us, and the only information maintained in the database is the visitor's name, date of birth, and photo unless there is a flag in the system that alerts us to the visitor not being cleared to safely enter the building. District staff responsible for operating the system have all received training directly from Raptor.


If you are interested in learning more about the Raptor system, please feel free to access their website using the following URL: [www.raptorware.com](http://www.raptorware.com)

If you would like to review the District Safety Policy, and a frequently asked questions for Raptor please visit: <https://www.watertowncsd.org/about-us/district-safety-plan>.

We will be implementing the new screening process at the start of the school year on opening day – September 6, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact your building principal or the District Office. We appreciate your cooperation and dedication to keeping our students safe.

Sincerely,

  
Patricia B. LaBarr  
Superintendent of Schools