

Grand Island Central School District

1100 Ransom Road • Grand Island, New York 14072

Telephone (716) 773-8800 • Fax (716) 773-8843

www.grandislandschools.org

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The safety of our students and staff is of the highest importance to Grand Island Central School District. To that end, our District, Board of Education, and the Safety committee continuously review policy, practice, and procedure. Beginning with the start of the 2019-2020 school year we will be modifying some of our safety protocols and enforcing previous policies/practices.

The Grand Island Central School District is pleased to announce that we will begin using the Raptor Visitor Management System in all of our district schools to build on the district's program of campus safety for students and faculty for the 2019-2020 school year. Part of keeping students and faculty safe is knowing who is in our building at all times during the regularly scheduled school day and the Raptor system will 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 at the designated location, visitors will be asked to state their name, the reason for their visit, and to provide 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. **The system will be utilized during regular school hours. After school events and activities may require people to sign in at the front desk area but will not require IDs to be scanned for entry.**

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. Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit.

ALL visitors must enter at the following locations districtwide:

District Office: Door 56

Middle School Complex: Door 51

High School Complex: Door 1 (Door 21 is student and staff use only)

Kaegebein Elementary: Door 1

Sidway Elementary: Door 1

Huth Elementary: Door 1

Please note that visitors are any individuals who are not a regular staff member or student of the school.

Acceptable forms of identification for the Raptor system are any form of government-issued identification with a 2D barcode or a Machine Readable Zone (MRZ) barcode as illustrated in the

