

CCPS SAFETY UPDATE #5

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to providing a safe environment in our District. I am writing to share with you the most recent CCPS Safety Update that is being sent to parents/guardians, volunteers, and the community. Through ongoing discussions and security process reviews with our law enforcement partners and our district leadership team, we have concluded that an additional layer of security should be our next security enhancement to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and guests at all of our schools.

We will be locking the front doors of the schools during the day as an additional layer of security. This change will be phased in and put in place at all schools by the start of the 2018-2019 school year. Each school will receive an access control device prior to the door being locked. As each new system is installed, schools will begin notifying staff, parents, volunteers, and community members prior to locking the door. This is an enhancement to the existing visitor screening procedures currently in place.

- Guests arriving on campus will request access using the access control device next to the school front door.
- When the front office staff answers, the guest will be asked for their name, and the reason for their visit, which may include their child's name.
- All visitors will be asked to display photo identification to the camera.
- Once approved and granted access, our guests will again present photo identification and will receive a visitor's pass using the existing visitor screening system.
- We will be producing videos to demonstrate and to further explain the new entry procedures.

Again, our goal is to add another layer of security and have the front doors locked at all schools by the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year. Your principal will let you know well in advance of the doors being locked. Guests should plan to arrive at our schools earlier to expedite their visit.

Prioritizing student and staff safety is a commitment we all share. There have been many challenges this year and we continue to meet them together. Please contact your child's principal with any questions. Thank you again for your continued support in keeping our students and staff members safe and secure.

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