



East Greenbush Central School District

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Superintendent

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Dear Parent/ Guardian:

The East Greenbush Central School District is pleased to announce that effective September 1, 2018, the district will begin implementing the **Raptor Visitor Management System** in all school buildings. This visitor identification technology will enhance the district's program of safety for students and faculty. This system is highly recommended by our law enforcement agencies. The Raptor system will permit district staff to accurately determine the identity of visitors, contractors, and volunteers in our schools. Thus, contributing to a safe environment for our students and staff.

To implement this new technology, all visitors upon seeking to enter a school will be asked to present a valid state-issued license, military, law enforcement or government-issued identification. This identification will be scanned into the Raptor system. The Raptor system will check to ensure that individuals seeking to enter our school buildings are not registered as sexual offenders. 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 visitor badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit.

If proper identification is not provided, entry to the school building will be prohibited. However, denial of entry into a school does not mean that parents, guardians or other adults authorized to pick children up will be prohibited from doing so. Students may be picked up by an adult without the proper identification as long as they have been previously authorized and their name is on file with the school.

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 an effective aid to ensure people entering our schools pose no risk of danger to our students.

Once again, we will fully implement the Raptor Visitor Management System beginning September 1, 2018. We appreciate your patience and understanding as school staff implement this new safety protocol.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support of our district continued efforts to ensure the safety of children, staff and visitors.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey P. Simons
Superintendent of Schools