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The Saugus Union School District is pleased to announce that we will begin a pilot of a visitor management system at Santa Clarita Elementary School very soon. The visitor management system is provided by a company called Raptor and will assist us in strengthening the district's program of campus safety for students and staff. Part of keeping students and staff safe is knowing who is in our buildings 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 an ID, which may be scanned or manually entered into the system. If a parent or guardian is undocumented or for any reason does not have a US government-issued ID, the school staff member can ask to see another form of identification and manually enter the person's name into the Raptor system to check for sex offender status. The Raptor system will check to ensure that registered sexual offenders are not entering our buildings. The Raptor system only checks the visitor's name and date of birth for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. No other data from the ID is gathered or recorded. The system is not connected to any other database such as the Department of Motor Vehicles, and information is not shared with any outside agency. Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit.

A visitor's badge will not be necessary for those who visit our schools simply to drop off an item in the office or pick up paperwork. If a person does not have identification, he/she can still be given access to the building, but will be escorted by a school staff member.

To learn more about the Raptor visitor management system, please visit the Raptor Technologies website (www.raptortech.com). If you have any questions for district personnel, please contact Keith Karzin, Director, Risk Management & Safety at 294-5300.

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 entered into the system and obtain a visitor badge. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding and support of enhancing school safety protocols in our district.

Sincerely,

Joan Lucid, Ed.D.
Superintendent