



## Office of Safety and Security

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Dear Columbus City Schools Families,

Welcome back to our school buildings! As you know, safety inside our school buildings is one of the highest priorities for Columbus City Schools (CCS). Our The Office of Safety and Security is committed to identifying and investing with fidelity in new technology features and equipment upgrades to protect our students and staff further.

We are pleased to announce that we have upgraded our visitor management system to a new platform. The Raptor 6 Visitor Management school security system replaces the former LobbyGuard system in all of our CCS schools. This new platform will provide our District with an enhanced user experience, additional features, and increased district-wide visibility and management capabilities. We are very excited about this upgrade and believe that you will also be pleased with the new safety enhancements.

### **HOW WILL IT WORK?**

Visitors checking in at the school's main office will need to sign-in and present identification (such as a Driver's License or State Identification Card). The Raptor 6 Visitor Management system will scan the ID information. The ID information will be checked against a national database of registered sex offenders and school-entered information on individuals who have issued warnings to stay off school property. **If you do not have a driver's license, please bring another form of valid photo ID or contact the school's central office staff before coming to the school.**

If there are no matches found, a self-adhesive visitor badge will print to identify all guests in the building quickly. Once approved, the Raptor 6 system will remember your name and picture for future use. Any visitor not wearing a badge will be escorted back to the school's main office.

It's important to note; this new security feature does not replace the valuable safety supervision of our school secretaries, front office staff, and building principals, who best know who should and should not be inside your child's school.

We appreciate your continued support and partnership are essential in helping to keep our schools safe and encouraging a positive school climate that is conducive to learning and growth.

If you have any questions, please call our Office of Customer Relations at 614-365-8888 or log onto the District website at [www.ccsok.us](http://www.ccsok.us) and click on the Safety and Security page under the Departments tab. The office staff at your child's school will also be able to assist you.