

SOUTH MIDDLETON

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The South Middleton School District Administration and staff hold the safety of our students - your children - as the single most important responsibility bestowed on us as a school community. In fact, safety is highlighted in the District's Mission Statement and in the School Board's Commitment to School Safety.

As we continue to work to strengthen security, we are pleased to share with you that the District recently purchased a system to enhance safety in District buildings. School Gate Guardian Visitor Management System will provide the District with a consistent stream of information for tracking visitors in all District schools.

The system requires every adult visitor who enters any District building to have his or her driver's license or state issued photo ID scanned during the initial visit. After the visitor is registered in the system, District staff members are able to manually retrieve the visitor's information during future visits. Visitors are issued time-expiring visitor badges which will be worn at all times during their visit.

The School Gate Guardian scanners will only extract from the visitor's identification the first name, last name, and birthdate of the visitor. This data is used to ensure the visitor is not listed in the sex offender database at www.familywatchdog.us. As District staff gain experience with utilizing the system, the check-in process for visitors should take no longer than the previous ID collection method.

Strengthened security is designed to protect students and staff while not discouraging visitors. Thank you in advance for your cooperation, support, and patience as we implement this additional security measure.

Please contact your school principal if you have any questions regarding School Gate Guardian.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan E. Moyer".

Alan E. Moyer, Ed.D.
Superintendent

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mancuso".

Joseph W. Mancuso, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent