TUNKHANNOCK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Heather McPherson
Superintendent

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Dear Parents:

We are pleased to announce the addition of RAPTOR to our school safety efforts in the Tunkhannock Area School District. The Raptor System is a web-based visitor management tool that has the ability to scan a driver's license or other government-issued photo ID. The information from that ID is compared to a database that consists of registered sex offenders throughout the United States.

When visitors arrive, they will be greeted by school personnel who will scan the visitor's identification. If there is no alert indicated, the Raptor System quickly prints a visitor badge that includes the visitor's photo, name, time, date and destination. The driver's license or government ID card will be held by school personnel until the visitor returns to the main office and turns in his/her visitor ID badge.

Once a visitor's ID is scanned into the system, his/her information is secured in the Raptor database. Returning visitors do not need to have their IDs scanned again. School personnel will use the Raptor Quick Find feature to issue subsequent badges.

If the visitor does not have acceptable photo identification available, the building principal or designee will assess the situation to determine if the visitor is known and/or authorized to be on school grounds. The visitor will need to provide his/her identifying information such as date of birth, address and phone number. The visitor's information will be manually entered into the Raptor System and he/she will be issued a badge if there is no alert indicated in the data base.

The implementation of Raptor will begin on Tuesday, November 1, 2016. Parents and volunteers are asked to please be patient with the process as we work out the details of refining our use of this system. It has been installed with the intent to make our buildings more secure and our hallways safer for children.

Sincerely,

Heather L. McPherson
Superintendent