

"A place where learning has no limits and together we work for the success of all."

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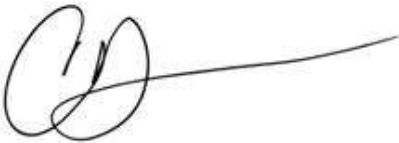
Dear Parents,

On February 27, 2018, Harrisonburg City Public Schools began the installation of a new controlled access system at all of our buildings. The installations are ongoing and will be completed soon. The system allows us to proactively enhance the safety and security of students and staff by monitoring who gains access to the main office areas and thus the school building. Under this new system, visitors may gain entrance by pressing a button mounted on the wall outside the office area near the entry door. The button activates a two-way speaker and camera system. The office staff will then be able to determine who is at the door by observing a video monitor and speaking to the visitor. This system will enable better regulation of visitor access to our school buildings.

We ask that all visitors to our schools be patient while we implement this new system. Our office staff members are handling multiple tasks and, although they will work diligently to help you gain access into the building as quickly as possible, there may be a short delay until someone can view and speak to you on the monitor and grant access.

Keeping our children safe is the most important thing that we do. We take school safety very seriously and continually look for ways to improve the safety of our students and staff. Please feel free to contact your school principal if you have any questions regarding the new controlled access system or have questions regarding school safety.

Sincerely,



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