



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **Superintendent's Message: School Visitor Management System Coming this Fall**

Dear staff, parents and guardians,

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is pleased to announce that all of our campuses will use the Raptor visitor management system to strengthen our campus safety programs for students and staff. All schools will have the new system installed for use during the first week of the new school year. Lincoln Middle School successfully piloted this program this school year.

An important aspect of keeping students and staff safe is for site staff to know who is on our campuses at all times. The Raptor system achieves this interest as it allows office staff to screen visitors, contractors, and volunteers, in our schools and provide us with a safer environment for students, staff and approved volunteers.

Upon entering a campus, visitors will be asked to present an identification such as a driver's license, which can either be scanned or manually entered into the system. If a parent or guardian does not have a US government-issued identification, for any reason, the visitor may submit an alternative form of identification for school staff to enter into the Raptor system.

The Raptor system checks the visitor's name and date of birth for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. The registered sex offender database is the only official database checked by the Raptor system. No other data from the identification is gathered or recorded and the information is not shared with any outside agency. The Raptor system will check to ensure that registered sexual offenders are not allowed on our campuses. 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 at the front gate.

The safety of our students is our highest priority and the Raptor visitor management system allows us to quickly identify those who may present a danger to our students or staff. Please continue to follow school safety and security practices at your school in the new school year as we all work together to keep our students and staff safe while on campus.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school safety and security measures.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent

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