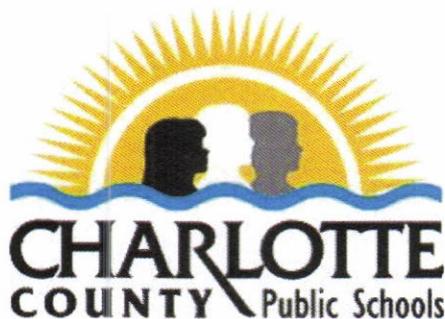


**Steve Dionisio
Superintendent**



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August 3, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The safety of our students and staff has always been the top priority of our school district. The security measures that have been put in place over the years have made our schools some of the safest in Florida. However, since the tragedy at Parkland, the employees of Charlotte County Public Schools have been working diligently to upgrade our capacity to keep our campuses safe and secure. For the 2018-19 school year, the school district has made the commitment to hire additional mental health professionals to provide our students with increased exposure to mental health services. Although every K-12 school was already protected with a certified School Resource Officer (SRO), we are in the process of hiring seven additional SRO's to provide an extra layer of security and support.

When you come to visit our schools this upcoming 2018-19 school year, you will notice a big change in how you will gain access into our schools. The front door of every school will be locked during the school day to provide an extra measure of security for our students and staff. Each school will have a video communication device installed at the front door, which will allow front office staff to screen all visitors before they are allowed entry into the school.

The procedure for entering each school will require the following steps to be completed:

- All Visitors/Guests must request access into the school using the video communication device.
- Front Office Staff will ask the visitor for their name and reason for the visit.
- ALL Visitors must present photo identification to the video camera.
- Once approval is given to enter the school, visitors will still need to provide their photo identification to the front office staff for screening through the RAPTOR Security System.

The procedures listed above may at times require visitors to have to wait a little longer to gain access into our schools. However, the safety of the students and staff safety will always be our number one focus. We appreciate your support and understanding of these safety measures. Please contact your student's principal with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SD", written over a horizontal line.

Steve Dionisio
Superintendent of Charlotte County Public Schools