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Dear Arlington Public Schools visitors and volunteers:

Thank you for being a valued partner in the education of our students. We are reaching out to let you know that Arlington Public Schools is using a new volunteer and visitor management system called SafeVisitor Solutions. This system is designed to strengthen safety and security in our schools and streamline the visitor registration sign-in process and volunteer approval process. SafeVisitor is being installed at all Arlington schools during the 2018-2019 school year.

How does SafeVisitor work?

When SafeVisitor Solutions is available at a school building, volunteers and visitors will no longer sign in on paper when visiting the school. Instead, visitors will provide a government issued identification card or be asked to answer questions about their identity. This information is used to build a visitor list. All visitors are checked against a national sex offender registry. All volunteers undergo an additional Washington State Patrol background check which is good for one year. The volunteer database is managed and maintained by Arlington Public Schools.

What if I'm just visiting a school building and not volunteering?

Visitors will be asked to show a state issued identification like a driver's license, or be asked to answer a few questions about their name. Visitor names will be checked against the national sex offender registry. Approved visitors will receive a self-expiring name badge that cannot be reused.

What if I'm volunteering at a school?

Volunteers will be asked to complete an application at the district's website here: https://www.asd.wednet.edu/community/volunteering (or scan the QR code to the right). The application asks the same questions we have always asked volunteers about their identity and any criminal history.