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Dear families,

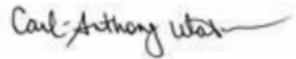
Keeping students, staff, and families safe is our highest priority, and we are pleased to announce that Ascend Public Charter Schools will begin using the Raptor Visitor Management System in all of our schools to strengthen our school safety program. The Raptor system allows us to better screen visitors, contractors, and volunteers in our schools.

Upon entering an Ascend school building, visitors will be asked to present identification. ID cards should have the visitor's full name, photo, and *preferably* date of birth. The identification offered will be scanned or manually entered into the Raptor system, which checks the visitor's name and date of birth against a national database of registered sex offenders. No other official databases are checked, and the information from the ID is never gathered, recorded, or shared with any outside agency.

Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, date, and purpose of the visit. A visitor's badge will not be necessary for visitors who do not travel beyond the school's security desk.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and your support in enhancing the school safety protocols in our schools.

Sincere regards,



Carl-Anthony Watson, Ed.D.  
Chief Operating Officer