February 10, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that effective Tuesday, February 11, 2020, we will begin using the Raptor Visitor Management System and the tip411 system. The Raptor system will allow us to screen all visitors to our schools, so that we may more effectively monitor who is in our buildings. The tip411 system will replace the current “Bully Button”, which appears in the Quick Links section of the District’s homepage (www.tullyschools.org).

Regarding the Raptor system, upon entering one of schools, all visitors will be asked to present an ID 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 ID, we can use any form of identification and manually enter the person’s name into the Raptor system. The Raptor system then 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 ID is gathered or recorded and the information is not shared with any outside agency. 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 are simply making quick visits to either of our school offices.

Regarding the tip411 system, there is currently a tip411 brochure saved as an attachment in the Announcements section of the District’s homepage (www.tullyschools.org). Please take a moment to review the information contained in this brochure. In a nutshell, tip411 allows members of the Tully School Community to anonymously report concerns to district administrators.

The safety and well-being of our students is our highest priority. The Raptor visitor management system will allow us to quickly identify those who may present a danger to our students. The tip411 system will allow for all members of the Tully School Community to share concerns. Should you have any questions regarding either of these new systems, please feel free to contact me (315) 696-6204 or rhughes@tullyschools.org.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Hughes
Superintendent of Schools