## **Jackson Local Schools**

Striving for Excellence

August 7, 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian,



As we begin the 2014-2015 school year, we want to make you aware of a change in our safety and security procedures. We are implementing a new visitor management system called School Gate Guardian at all 6 Jackson Local School buildings.

The implementation of a visitor management system aligns with school security best practices, and the School Gate Guardian system specifically is currently used in 1,000+ school districts nationwide.

This new visitor management system will require our school office personnel to scan the driver's license and/or state ID of all school visitors. The scan will check the information against the National Sex Offender data base. If no match is found, the system will print a visitor's sticker with a picture identifying them as an approved visitor.

The School Gate Guardian system only scans the visitor's name, date of birth and photo for comparison purposes. No other personal identifying information is saved.

If the system raises a question about a visitor's background, the school administrator(s) will take the necessary steps to ensure the appropriateness of each individual's visit.

This new security procedure will take approximately 30 seconds. As a matter of convenience, please be sure to bring your driver's license or state issue ID with you when you plan to visit our schools during student occupied times. This will expedite the process and ultimately your access to the schools.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have questions please call your school's principal or our Assistant Superintendent, Barry Mason at (330) 830-8000.

For more information, please visit the Jackson Local Schools website at www.jackson.stark.k12.oh.us/.

Sincerely,

Chris DiLoreto Superintendent

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