





## Loella F. Dewing Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Tewksbury Public Schools has maintained a strong focus on security measures to maintain the safety of our students and staff. Effective Monday, May 21, 2018, there will be a new sign-in procedure for visitors at the Dewing Elementary School. We have installed an electronic safety system called "Raptor," which is the same system that is in use in all other schools in our district.

Raptor serves as a visitor management system and safety screening tool, requiring that all guests who visit during the school day present a valid, government issued photo ID upon entering the building. Using the Raptor system consistently will improve the level of security at our school. From now on, you will be required to show this ID to stay an extended period of time at Dewing School. If you are simply dropping an item off in the office and leaving immediately, it will not be necessary to go through this procedure. We are continuing to work with other methods to manage larger crowds, such as those during concerts and performances.

As this is a new system, we understand there may be a period of time to learn this new habit. We appreciate your patience and understanding while we transition to consistently enforcing this identification requirement. As a school and district, we are pleased to offer this increased level of security.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Terry Gerrish, *Principal*