

Pleasantdale School District 107

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At the September 16, 2015 Board of Education meeting, the Board directed the administration to investigate and provide a recommendation to the Board regarding the implementation of a Visitor Management System (VMS). A VMS scans a visitor's driver's license or state identification card and compares the information to the national sex offender database. The process of scanning a visitor's license takes from three to 10 minutes. Once the visitor has been approved, a name badge with a photograph of the visitor is printed. Once a visitor has been run through the system, the visitor's information is retained to expedite the check-in process for future visits.

As a result of the investigation into these systems, it was discovered that none of the sender school districts to Lyons Township High School (Districts 101, 102, 103, 105, and 106) are currently using a visitor management system. However, Lyons Township High School does use a VMS. Schools that are not using a VMS, including Pleasantdale 107, have strict visitor protocols in place including requiring visitors to sign in, wear a visitor badge, and sign out of the building. Additionally, our school district regularly reviews the Illinois and Cook County sex offender databases to ascertain the number and location of registered sex offenders in our area.

The cost of the systems range from a low of \$1,395 to a high of \$5,095 per unit per site. If the district wanted to implement a VMS in all three locations (Elementary School, Middle School, and Administration Center), the costs would range from \$4,185 to \$15,285. Additional costs of a VMS include hardware updates, badges, and ink. The district would also need to train our office staff and would need to put new visitor protocols in place. We would also need to work with our technology department to support the system. It is important to note that this system would only be in place during regular school hours. License scans are not feasible for after school sporting activities, concerts, PTA meetings, or other public events happening outside of the school day.

It is the administration's recommendation that we continue to monitor the use of these systems at other area schools and to review our current visitor and safety protocols. Further, we do not recommend the purchase of this system at this time.

Main take-aways:

- No other Lyons Township elementary districts are using VMS.
- Cost of the system is reasonable.
- We cannot support license scans outside of school hours.

Mission

Ensure that each student is a passionate learner empowered with the Academic and social skills to responsibly choose and excel in life pursuits.