



# ST. JOSEPH

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Hyde Parents,

The St. Joseph School District is in the process of installing a keyless door system at both Hyde and Hall Elementary. As you are probably aware, the district has been going through a long-term strategic planning process called Planning A Course Together (PACT). Through this process, the patrons of the district have spoken loud and clear that one of the utmost priorities is to improve the safety of our district. While there are many limitations to safety due to our existing infrastructure, one element our Board of Education has chosen to fund now is the keyless system.

This system is designed to basically lock down building entrance doors during the school day. Currently each school has one point of entrance to the school that is unlocked while school is in session. With the keyless system, all doors will remain locked. The doors lock only one way allowing students and staff to exit the building at any time if the need arises. The goal is not to keep parents and community members that have business in the school out of the building, rather to ensure your child's safety. At the main entrance of each building will be a device called an Aiphone. When you come to school to pick your up child for an appointment or to meet a teacher you will hit the buzzer on the Aiphone and look into the camera on the device located next to the door. This will notify office personnel who will push a button to allow entrance. The office personnel may ask you the purpose of your business over the two-way intercom included in the system. All visitors will still be asked to go directly to the office to sign in. Video surveillance will monitor visitors to ensure each report to the office.

Hyde and Hall were chosen to be pilots for this system due to both offices being located some distance from the entry door. Prior to this system, it has been very difficult to monitor visitors to the building. While this system will create some inconvenience for our parents and other patrons, we hope you will agree that it is definitely worth the trouble to further enhance our safety. Please call your Principal or myself with any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

Beery Johnson  
Director of Safety

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