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***New Visitor Management System Increases  
Student and Staff Safety at ABCUSD Schools***

ABC Unified School District campuses will soon be using a new computerized Visitor Management System, adding another layer of security to local schools. Visitors will now have to present any government-issued picture ID to enter school grounds. The system will screen visitors against the public sex offender database. The system does not search for any other information, such as criminal record, financial background, or immigration status.

“I feel certain that this new system will keep our schools safer,” said Dr. Mary Sieu, Superintendent. “We know this will take some time to get used to, but we also know this is the right thing to do for our students and staff. I want to thank the ABCUSD community for their understanding and patience as we roll out this new system to all campuses.”

The new Visitor Management System has been piloted at three school sites, Whitney High School, Carmenita Middle School, and Leal Elementary School. In addition to the three pilot sites, 16 schools will have the system in place at the beginning of the school year. These schools are:

Aloha Elementary School  
Bragg Elementary School  
Carver Elementary School  
Kennedy Elementary School  
Niemes Elementary School  
Nixon Elementary School  
Stowers Elementary School  
Wittman Elementary School  
Fedde Middle School  
Haskell Middle School  
Ross Middle School  
Tetzlaff Middle School  
Artesia High School  
Cerritos High School  
Gahr High School  
Tracy High School

All schools will have the new system in place within the next three months.

The system, from Raptor Technologies, compares information to the sex offender databases from all 50 states, alerting school administrators if matches are found. Once cleared through the system, a visitor badge is produced that includes the visitor's name and photo along with the date and time of the visit. The Raptor system is in use in more than 25,000 U.S. schools.

**About the ABC Unified School District**

In 1965 the Artesia, Bloomfield, and Carmenita School Districts unified and became the ABC Unified School District. Today, the District serves over 30,000 Pre-K to 12th Grade and adult education students through its 30 campuses. The District is home to some of the most awarded and recognized schools in California and serves the cities of Artesia, most of Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, as well as portions of Lakewood, Long Beach, and Norwalk.