



**TO: PPS FAMILIES & COMMUNITY**

**RE: NEW SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR PPS SCHOOLS**

**Dear PPS Community,**

The safety of our students and staff is a priority. Families are important partners in supporting our schools. We are grateful for your support and we welcome you in our schools. In order to ensure that our schools are safe places for our students and staff, we are taking some additional steps to ensure we know who is in our buildings at all times.

**Portland Public Schools will begin implementing a new visitor/volunteer management system in the 2019/20 school year. Upon entering a PPS school, visitors/volunteers will need to present a government-issued identification (i.e. driver's license, state ID card). If you do not have an ID, you will be asked to provide your name and date of birth. This new system will allow PPS to screen visitors and volunteers against the sex offender registry. Please note that registered sex offenders are not permitted to enter school grounds (View Policy: [Registered Sex Offenders 3.10.015-AD](#)). All visitors/volunteers will need to wear the printed name badge that identifies their name, photo, the date and their destination.**

First-time volunteers should visit [www.pps.net/volunteer](http://www.pps.net/volunteer) to complete the online volunteer application and pass a Volunteer Background Check. Approved volunteers will be added to the system and will need to provide their ID upon their first visit. Approved volunteers may chaperone and work with students in our schools, whereas, visitors are only allowed restricted access and for shorter lengths of time.

Thank you, in advance, for your understanding and support of enhanced school safety protocols in our district. Please bear with us over the next few months while we implement this new system, as it may take longer to sign-in with our office staff.

