



Lake Mills Area

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Dear Families,

re: Security Changes at Lake Mills Area School District Schools

Welcome to the 2018-19 School Year! As you know, the safety and security of our students and staff are our highest priorities. In addition, we strive to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our families and community members. A balance between security and a welcoming environment can be difficult to create but we are working diligently to provide both.

Following the lead of schools around the country, the Lake Mills Elementary, Middle, and High Schools will be implementing new security measures for the 2018-19 school year. After receiving the State of Wisconsin's Department of Justice Safety and Security Grant, each school has been equipped with exterior communication systems at their office entrances. These systems include voice and camera capabilities.

As students enter the schools each morning through unlocked front doors, adult supervision will be present to monitor the entrances. As in the past, once the school day begins, the front doors will be locked. Moving forward, individuals who wish to enter the office of any of the buildings will need to ring the bell located outside the building, stand in front of the camera, and identify themselves with the reason for the visit. The office staff will then welcome the individual into the office.

Additional projects funded by the first round of the Wisconsin Safety and Security Grant include safety film on several doors, updated and additional cameras, and interior classroom door locks for those classrooms that did not have them. A second round of funding has just become available. The District is applying for additional grant money to continue to improve the safety and security of all school sites.

Again, our intent is to increase the safety and security of our school buildings while school is in session. Please support this initiative by understanding our intent and knowing that we are not trying to exclude our families and community from our buildings. When asked about the purpose of your visit, please know that we are asking ALL visitors the same question.

Thank you in advance for your support as we implement this new security procedure.

Looking forward to the best school year ever,

Pamela A. Streich, District Administrator