

VIDEO BUZZ-IN SYSTEM AT SCHOOL ENTRANCES GOING LIVE

Coeur d'Alene, ID – Coeur d'Alene School District has taken another step in strengthening building security with the installation of a video intercom buzz-in system at the main entrance doors of school buildings. Three schools will go live with the system January 8th during an initial pilot testing stage. The system will be activated at all schools in February.

The three pilot test schools are: Ramsey Magnet School of Science (Elementary), Woodland Middle School and Coeur d'Alene High School.

Once the school day begins, schools will be able to control visitor access by locking the front entrance doors. All visitors will be required to stand in front of the camera and press the intercom button to activate the system and speak to a staff member prior to gaining entry into the school building. Since last spring, the district has moved to a single-point of entry system where all visitors must access school buildings through the main entrance.

Visitors will be asked for their name and purpose of their visit and may be asked for photo identification. A video screen on the main office telephone system will show the person standing at the outside intercom.

The goal of the front entrance security enhancement is to control access and allow school staff a greater ability to know who is in the school building. The district appreciates the cooperation and patience of parents and community members as the new building entry process is introduced.

Members of the media are invited to Ramsey Magnet School Tuesday morning to see how the new Visitor Video Intercom Buzz-in System works. Superintendent Handelman will be available for interviews along with representatives from the district's technology department and Ednetics, a technology solution contractor implementing the district's system.

PHOTO/ VIDEO / INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY to SEE the BUZZ-IN SYSTEM:

Tuesday, January 7

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Ramsey Magnet School – 1351 Kathleen Avenue

In addition to the video intercom buzz-in system the district has completed the installation of security cameras at all schools across the school district.

During winter break both Lake City High School and Coeur d'Alene High School received main office remodels allowing office staff a better view of the main entrance doors.

The district's school buses (all sixty six buses in the fleet) are now equipped with multiple digital security cameras, GPS tracking and a new digital radio system.

The security upgrades are part of a multi-layer security enhancement paid for by a \$1.4M Safety & Security Levy voters approved in March 2013.