## LEO E. SOLOMON-PLAINS MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Re: School Safety/Security Procedures

September 1, 2023 Date:

Parents, Guardians and School Guests,

The Wilkes-Barre Area School District is committed to the safety of all students and security of the school environment. As the district continues to find modernized methods of security that offer a safer school, presently the school district is using a walk-through metal detector, hand held metal detector, bag/purse checks, and Raptor Security System that are currently being used at Solomon-Plains Elementary School and all other schools in the district. The Raptor Security System used by our school greeter(s), is a state-of-the-art security program and the software instantly screens out offenders/violators while managing visitors, students, and volunteers. Raptor performs an instant background check against the registered sex offender and police databases in all 50 states for every visitor, every time they enter the building.

THE SOFTWARE, METAL DETECTOR & BAG/PURSE CHECKS ARE BEING UTILIZED FOR EVERY GUEST THAT COMES INTO OUR BUILDING REGARDLESS OF PRIOR ADMITTANCE. All parents, guardians, and visitors are required to show government issued identification, pass through the metal detector, have bags or purses checked and have information scanned through the Raptor System in order to gain access to our school. This scan/background check will be performed for any type of admittance to our school including student pick up, meetings with classroom teachers or administration etc.

## Acceptable forms of government issued identification include:

State Issued Driver's Licenses

• United States Passport

State Issued Identification Cards

• Agency Photo Identification

The Wilkes-Barre Area School District Security Greeters have been properly trained by District Resource Officers and Wilkes-Barre City Police to use this equipment, search bags, use the Raptor Software and if a violation occurs, the procedure for a violation will be followed, yet not disclosed for security purposes. Upon completion of the scan, all visitors will have a printed visitor's badge displaying their legal name, photo from their government issued identification and reason for the visit, which must be worn throughout the visit.

We appreciate your assistance in assuring a safe school environment for all children at Solomon-Plains Elementary School. If at any time you have questions regarding the security of our school or district, please contact our District Resource Officer at 570-826-7111.