**We Value Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship**

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Dear Parents,

As you know, the community passed a one mill building and site fund proposal in November, 2013 to address school safety and security, as well as to address roof and asphalt repairs. As promised, buzzer systems are now operational at all elementary school entryways. As a result, parents and visitors to our schools will experience a procedural change here at Bushnell Elementary School.

Please take a moment to review the following changes with regard to entering Bushnell Elementary School beginning Monday, February 17:

1. Doors will be open, with no buzz-in needed, at arrival and dismissal times.
2. You must have an ID badge to be in our hallways. If you do not, you must go directly to the office to get one. No exceptions.
3. All parents/visitors must press the assistance button that is clearly marked and

located on the wall. Our initial times will be from 9:20am – 11am and 1pm -2pm but are subject to change.

1. A school official will then correspond with you and either buzz you in when you show your badge or request an ID(driver’s license) if the situation warrants.
2. Entering the building when someone else is buzzed in is not permitted unless the school official is aware that you are entering together with the approved person.

Our parents and visitors will also see security adjustments that include video and audio feed and additional camera placement in our entryways. As with any change in procedure, we appreciate your patience as we implement this security feature.

Once the district receives the millage dollars, we will begin taking the steps necessary to move forward with our plans to reconfigure entry vestibules and address any need changes in school entryway infrastructures.

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for their support to pass the building and site proposal that has allowed the Lowell Area Schools to continue to invest in our children’s future and provide safe and healthy learning environments for all students.

Together we’re better,

Roger Bearup, Principal

Bushnell Elementary School