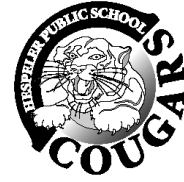




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Developing Potential Together in a Caring Community



May 23, 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

In December 2012 the Provincial Government announced its intention to enhance security measures in elementary schools across Ontario. Please see the background information on the reverse of this letter for further details. The Safe Welcome initiative involves the locking of all exterior doors in elementary schools. A staggered implementation of the program is occurring at the Waterloo Region District School Board throughout this year and next.

Implementation of this initiative will occur at Hespeler Public School on Monday, June 2nd, 2014. All visitors (parents, vendors, central Board staff) to Hespeler Public School will access the main doors to the school using an intercom system. For parents who have students in before/after school programs, you will use the doors and intercom at the far east end of the school, closest to our kindergarten and primary classes (doors located by the ball diamond). The system will allow students in portables access to the school through key cards.

It is recognized that having all school doors locked will be new for our school community. Our students, parents and staff will need to collaboratively work together as this initiative is implemented at our school.

If you have any further questions regarding the Safe Welcome program, please feel free to contact me. Keeping our students safe at HPS remains our top priority. Thank you for working with us as we work through the implementation of this important safety initiative.

Sincerely,

Julie Lobsinger
Principal



Home of the Cougars

