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SKHS Families,

As of January 2, 2018 (the day we return from Holiday Break) the following changes will be made regarding visitor access to South Kingstown High School during the school day.

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Please note that visitors include parents and other relatives of students, and other guests who are accessing our building for specific, appropriate reasons. Students themselves are not considered visitors.

The following protocols apply to all visitors during the school day (i.e. between 7:30 AM and 2:02 PM on regular school days).

During the school day, beginning on January 2, 2018 and continuing indefinitely, all visitors will be able to gain entrance to South Kingstown High School ONLY in the front of the building, at the Columbia Street entrance. Visitors will not be permitted to enter at any other entrance (i.e. near the attendance office or the back parking lot) during the school day.

Additional visitor parking spaces will be marked prior to the change. Visitors will buzz the high school secretary, and when they are permitted to enter, will proceed to the main office. If they are accessing other parts of the building, they will sign in and receive a visitor pass. The individual receiving them will then escort them to their destination.

This change is occurring as a result of an ongoing, comprehensive analysis of our school's safety protocols. This change comes as a result of the work of our school and district crisis teams, as well as recognized leaders in school safety at the district, state and federal level.

The reason families are being notified now is so you have time to plan for these changes.

If you have any further questions please contact me at rmezzanotte@sksd-ri.net.

Thank, you,

South Kingstown High School