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***BREATHITT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT* NOW AMONG THE SAFEST SCHOOLS IN AMERICA WHEN IT COMES TO PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL PREDATORS THANKS TO NEW RAPTOR SCREENING SYSTEM AND THE BREATHITT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**

New Visitor Management Tool Quickly Performs Background Checks on All Visitors, Contractors and Volunteers; Enables the School to Customize its System by Including Custody Alerts and More

Jackson – Oct. 2, 2019— *Breathitt County School District* will begin using the [Raptor Visitor Management System](#) to improve safety for students and staff. The new ID card scanning system provides practically instant screening of visitors, contractors and volunteers for sex offender status and custom alerts such as custody orders. A hi-tech replacement to the visitor sign-in sheet, the Raptor system can also track staff who sign in and out of the building. As a result, the Raptor system gives a more accurate head count of who's on the school's campus in case of an emergency.

Breathitt County Schools joins the 23,000+ facilities that use Raptor in the United States. The Raptor Visitor Management System currently flags over 40 sex offenders per day attempting to enter facilities across the country. Custody and other school-specific issues are also a concern, and to date, more than 250,000 custody alerts have been issued nationally.

Upon check-in, each first-time visitor will be required to present their state or federal government-issued identification card. The Raptor system scans the ID and automatically checks each person entering school grounds against the national database of registered sex offenders, as well as against a custom alert database created by each school. Once a visitor is cleared by the Raptor system, a visitor badge is printed that includes a photo as well as the individual's name, date, time of entry, and destination. If a potential threat is identified, the Raptor system sends instant alerts to designated staff via email and text.

"We're excited to be incorporating Raptor in our schools," said *Phillip Watts, Superintendent*. "People are checking in and out of the school's campus constantly. It's a revolving door of visitors, volunteers and vendors, and Raptor offers an extra layer of protection. Whether it's making sure a student is being released to the right parent who has custody or whether a volunteer, visitor or vendor has been cleared to enter our campus, we know with Raptor we're doing everything we can to keep our students and staff safe."

"Raptor has flagged a staggering 50,000 registered sex offenders attempting to enter facilities across the nation," said Jim Vesterman, CEO of Raptor Technologies. "It's an effective tool to keep kids safe, and simply having the Raptor system in place acts as an important deterrent. A sex offender who knows a school is being protected by Raptor is less likely to try to gain access to that campus."

The Raptor System is expected to be in place at *Breathitt County Schools* by **October 21st, 2019**.

For more information on the Raptor system visit www.raptortech.com

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