



City Honors School

AT FOSDICK-MASTEN PARK

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Dear CHS Parent:

Student safety is Buffalo Schools top priority and they are always looking for ways to enhance building security. With that important goal in mind, we are pleased to announce a new security feature at City Honors. Beginning **Thursday, February 2**, all of our students and all visitors will be entering through the [Evolv Express system](#) during the school day. [Click here](#) to watch a video on how the system works and what your child(ren) can expect to see and experience.

Here are the most important things you need to know for Thursday:

- **Students should expect delays in the first few days** as their classmates become accustomed to how to make their way through the screening efficiently, similar to when we started screening bags by hand at the start of the school year. I assure you, every day we will improve until this becomes seamless for our students and staff.
- **Students must remove** their laptop, metal binders, and umbrellas, and place them on a pass-through table, then walk through the Evolv scanner with their **bags/backpacks held out in front of them.**
- **All students entering from Fosdick Street must now enter through the main entrance to the school.** The atrium entrance on this side of the building will no longer be available.
- **Students not using yellow busses are encouraged to arrive to school early** during the first few days of implementation to avoid possible lines. Students may enter the school building as early as 7:05 am.

People entering the building through our main Fosdick Street entrance and our Masten Street Atrium entrance will walk through an open-air kiosk that uses sensor technology to quickly scan for weapons. The system can identify dangerous items inside bags and pockets. For that reason, your child(ren) should be able to walk through the sensors without removing most belongings or separating themselves from personal items. Evolv scans as people walk through in real-time, ensuring that your child's entry to school is not delayed. If an item in their possession alarms the system, the system's green lights turn to red, and a photo of the student will be shown on a tablet with a red box around the potentially dangerous item. A trained staff member will then search the area indicated in the alert and at a "resolution center."

The Evolv system emits extremely low-frequency radio waves (ELF), similar to what you see in anti-theft devices in stores. You can view Evolv's Health and Safety details [here](#).

This entry procedure is minimally invasive and allows the majority of students to simply walk through the new screening system without interruption and safely head to class. Our staff members have been trained on the system and we ask for your support as we work together to maximize the benefit of this cutting-edge technology. We encourage you to share this information with your child(ren) so they are not surprised to see the systems this Thursday, February 2. We will also communicate this information directly to our students during the school day.

Thank you for your support as we implement this new technology to increase the safety of students and staff.

Sincerely,

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