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**Nancy S. Ruscio**  
*Superintendent*

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

***Re: Important Changes in Visitor Management Software at Homer***

Since the horrific tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut on December 12, 2012, schools across the nation have looked very hard at their security measures. Homer Central Schools is no exception. First and foremost, we must do all we can to create a safe and secure environment in which our students can learn. Our district safety committee has reviewed many of our procedures and has taken numerous steps to provide a more secure environment. We will continue to review all of our procedures on a regular basis and take steps that are warranted.

One such measure that will take effect on March 18, 2013, is that every person entering our buildings will be required to show a government photo ID such as a driver's license. This will be scanned by the secretary in order to produce a nametag which you will wear while visiting. If you enter the office only to drop off something and then leave, you will not be issued a nametag. However, if you plan to go anywhere in the building beyond the office, you will need to present your license for scanning. The system we will use is called Raptorware.

Nearly 8,000 schools and facilities nationwide already rely on Raptor's web-based technology to help keep students safe. Raptorware instantly screens out and alerts staff of registered sex offenders keeping them from our schools and your children while managing visitors, students, faculty and volunteers.

We recognize this as a change in practice, and will take a period of adjustment. However, we know you agree that our number one job is to maintain a safe environment. We appreciate your cooperation as we serve our students and community.

Sincerely,



Nancy S. Ruscio  
Superintendent of Schools

Cc: Colleen Viggiano, OCM BOCES