## Greeting Families of TES!

We are so grateful for all our students and families who have made this a wonderful start of the year at Tahoma Elementary. I am excited to share that our school district is taking steps to make our schools more secure, and to give you a heads up for what you can expect at TES.

You should have received an email from the district last Friday which detailed a new secure entry system (AKA a "buzz in" system) at every school. The district followed up their message this afternoon. At most Tahoma schools, those systems will be up and running tomorrow, September 6th. Our historic campus is unique in that our main office is detached from the rest of the school. Long story short... because of how our doors function, there's some extra tweaking that needs to be done before we begin using our buzz in system.

I want to assure you that we have all our usual, many security measures in place, and our school has thankfully operated as you know for nearly a century. I assume it is clear to you by now that your children's safety is always on my mind. Once the new system is fully functioning, it will be one more layer of security for everyone in our learning community. So, as we prepare to make the switch, we want to be sure that it's done correctly and makes for a smooth, welcoming experience for our students, families and our tremendous office team who will be supporting and using the system each day.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please reach out, as you know I always love the opportunity to connect.

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