## **Charlotte Valley Central School**

"Empowering Students Today to Conquer the Challenges of Tomorrow"

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RE: Access to Building(s)

Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

With two weeks now to our back, we wanted to let you know that, in a measure to ensure we are in complete control of who enters our building, we are asking that all parents drop their students off at the main entrance/vestibule and refrain from walking students to their classrooms beginning Monday, October 1, 2018.

Our reasoning behind this decision is simple – we need to ensure the safety of every single student in our building.

At any given point, we need to know who is in our building. We need to know the business of any adult who is a visitor. While this may seem cold and contrary to our mindset of having an open and inviting building, please view this in a rational sense – at the end of the day, we must ensure the safety of every single student in this building, and we will not, and cannot, compromise that for anything.

We understand that the first few weeks of school can be tough for students – and especially tough for parents/guardians. Our hearts break with yours when a child cries and doesn't want to leave your arms. We understand what you are going through. Certainly, we understand that, living in a small community, walking your child to their classroom may have always been a given considering *everybody knows everybody*, but that practice, as a matter of building security, must be put to rest.

We wish to notify you with a week before the date of the initiative so that you may talk with your child, and decide how to go about transitioning your child to understand that they must walk by themselves to their classrooms. If you would like us to help in any way, or if you are looking for suggestions, please reach out to us! We are here to help you.

Thank you for your understanding. Should you wish to see your child's classroom teacher, please contact your teacher directly via email and schedule an appointment. Our professionals are great at accommodating your schedules and will do whatever it takes – they're great!

As always, we appreciate your feedback and support. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call us and speak with us. We will make time for you.

Best.

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