



Chestermere Lake Middle School



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As Chestermere Lake Middle School continues to grow, we continue to review ways to make our learning environment as safe and orderly as possible. Supervision of students through staff presence is strong and ongoing, and we have begun the installation of video surveillance cameras in our common areas (hallways, Forum, and two main entrances) to assist in monitoring. These areas see the greatest volume of traffic at any one time, and these surveillance cameras will assist us in providing stronger monitoring at all times. There are NO cameras that will be located in washrooms, changerooms, or classrooms.

As outlined in Rocky View School Administrative Procedure 181:

"Video cameras may be used on school property or school buses in order to investigate behaviours that affect the safety and well being of students and staff. As well, video cameras may be used as tools in the protection of school premises or other Division property."

"Video records may be monitored by Division personnel as is deemed necessary and prudent in order to ensure the safety and security of students, staff, visitors and Division property as well as ensure adherence to school rules."

"The Division or its administrators may use video monitoring and the resulting recordings for investigation purposes including:

- 1.3.6.1 Inquiries and proceedings relating to law enforcement;*
- 1.3.6.2 Deterrence; and*
- 1.3.6.3 Student discipline."*

The entire Administrative Procedure can be found here:

https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/board_policies/admin_procedures/generaladministration/ap181-electronic-surveillance/view

Access to the video cameras is retained by the Principal and designate only. Recorded information is deleted after one month, unless specific footage is needed to investigate an incident. In cases where the building may be in a lockdown situation, RVS can give access to the cameras to the proper authorities (RCMP).

We are pleased to bring this extra level of security to our staff and students, and wish to thank our School Council for their support in providing this system.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at swoodward@rockyview.ab.ca or by phone at 403-273-1343.

Sincerely,

Mr. Scott Woodward, Principal
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