
John Simatovich Elementary

Leigh A. Barnes, Principal

Dear Parents:

Student safety while providing an outstanding education remain paramount in the Union Township School Corporation. Working with our School Safety Team, we continue to monitor school safety measures, and strive to provide the safest possible environment for our students, staff, parents, and community.

As reported in the media, school violence continues to occur in our country. In collaboration with law enforcement, school personnel reflect on each event and seek better ways to respond. The Union Township School Corporation is joining all other public schools in Porter County in adoption of the use of the SchoolGuard app. The SchoolGuard app is designed to reduce the amount of time it takes for law enforcement to respond to a crisis event occurring at a school. Use of the app is very simple and effective.

Step 1- An employee becomes aware of a crisis event.

Step 2- The employee launches the SchoolGuard app.

Step 3- The SchoolGuard app immediately connects the employee with the 911 dispatch center and simultaneously notifies every member of law enforcement, either on-duty or off-duty, within a 20 mile radius who has installed the companion app, Hero 911. All schools within a five-mile radius are also notified so personnel at those schools can take appropriate action.

When an employee uses the SchoolGuard app, the alert is sent to the cellphone of all other employees at that school who have the app on their phone. This quick alert to a crisis can save lives.

You may learn more by visiting the SchoolGuard website at <http://schoolguard.guard911.com>

While we hope that an attack on one of our schools never occurs, we are now more prepared to reduce the impact of such an event.

Sincerely,

John Hunter
Superintendent