

As you know, providing a safe environment for our students is of great importance. Each year, we balance that need for safety with our desire to welcome the parents (and other family members) of our students into our schools and on our sponsored trips as volunteers. Given the recent trends in increased screening requirements for our employees, we believe our current level of screening for volunteers may not be sufficient going forward. We are currently undertaking the task of building a new system and have plans to launch it by the start of the 2018-2019 school year. In order to accomplish this, we must take the existing system down for the time being. We will resume screening volunteers once the system upgrades have been completed. The additional safety measures we are implementing do necessitate more cost-sharing with volunteers than in the past. The new volunteer background screens will cost \$12.95 and be good for 3 years. Individuals who already have an existing unexpired background screen on file with us will receive information on how to obtain their new badge. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this process.