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Norwalk Public Schools requires all employees to use card swipe system

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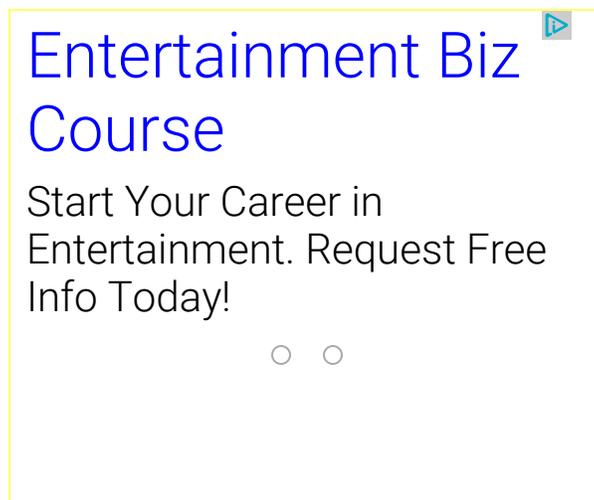


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Hour Photo/Alex von Kleydorff Interim Superintendent of Norwalk Schools James Connelly

NORWALK -- In an attempt to provide first responders with an accurate headcount during emergency situations, school officials are requiring all employees to use the NOVAtime card system at each school building.

The system will require all school district employees to swipe a card in a card reader when entering or exiting buildings, said Interim Superintendent of Schools James Connelly.



All NPS employees are required to use the system, as of Monday.

"In evaluating our building safety, we felt it was really necessary to have an inventory of who's in the building at anytime so if there is a crisis in the building, if first responders come, they can get an accurate list of all the employees (and) all the students in a particular building," Connelly said.



The card readers will only be used as a safety measure and it will not unlock doors or be used for employee payroll.

"This is not an attendance program," said Connelly. "It's a program to give us and our first responders an accurate, real time number of people by name that are in a building, God forbid we have some type of emergency that our first responders need to have an accurate count of population in the building."

NOVAtime systems have been in place at all school buildings for some time but now the system will be used by all employees, including central office administrators who may use the cards several times a day when traveling to different buildings throughout the district.



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