

# The Top 5 Considerations for Florida Schools and Alyssa's Law

## The safety of students and staff in Florida is beyond a matter of compliance.

A fully integrated safety management system is essential in saving lives and creating peace of mind for those both on and off campus. Developed from our partnership with over 32,000 schools over the past 18 years, here are five key considerations Florida schools should plan for when implementing a solution to comply with Alyssa's Law.

### 1. A stand-alone panic button, while valuable, still leaves schools exposed to significant risks—a full emergency management solution is necessary to reduce those risks.

A solution that integrates all phases of school safety—prepare, respond, and recover—is critical when implementing a safety program. Any tool that does not encompass a panic button, group messaging, individual student status, and location sharing, as well as parent-student reunification, drill management, and visitor management, leaves schools at risk of investing in a solution that does not fully protect students and staff when an actual crisis occurs. Raptor Technologies® is the only provider of a fully integrated mobile panic button solution for crisis alerting and communication, response and recovery solutions, and visitor management software for an end-to-end emergency management solution.

### 2. School districts have different needs based on location, size, and community. Districts should have a choice in a solution that is best suited for them.

No district or school is exactly alike. Depending on where it is located, the students it serves, and overall size, a district has various needs that others may or may not share. Choice is therefore critical when it comes to selecting a solution. Raptor enables districts who need more than just a panic button, and who value an integrated safety platform, a viable choice in implementing a solution to meet the requirements of Alyssa's Law. Others who might want just a panic button or who are already using another vendor should have choice to continue using their existing trusted vendor. Choice creates more local buy-in to the solution and a higher likelihood of successful adoption. With local choice, vendors also work harder to win and retain relationships, ultimately leading to solutions which make schools safer.

### 3. Successful adoption at a school level is critical—evaluate solutions based on likelihood of teachers and staff using it.

Schools can reduce complexity, simplify training, and increase the likelihood of successful product usage by linking a panic button solution with proven, trusted solutions already in use on their campuses. An integrated solution that teachers and staff are already accustomed to using, such as using during drills, increases their confidence and ability during a safety event. Raptor can accelerate compliance with districts that are already using Raptor® Visitor Management and Raptor® Emergency Management solutions. Our safety platform is in 66% of Florida schools already—trusted and familiar to district leaders, teachers, and staff—which will expedite implementation and reduce the risks of deploying a new technology.

### 4. Dedication to K-12 emergency management is vital.

Effective K-12 emergency management is not just about software features. Schools need a partner that understands them and is a proven ally to keep students safe. For many vendors, K-12 is just a small portion of their focus, so solutions often are not tailored to the unique needs of schools. Raptor Emergency Management was designed with the support of K-12 leaders and administrators, focused specifically on school emergency management needs. Florida schools need a true K-12 focused partner. Raptor is the pioneer in school emergency management and can shed light on issues schools might not have thought about. Raptor leadership worked extensively with New Jersey school and state leadership to align our solution to the needs of schools specially looking for a way to meet and exceed compliance with Alyssa's Law, and would do the same with Florida leadership.

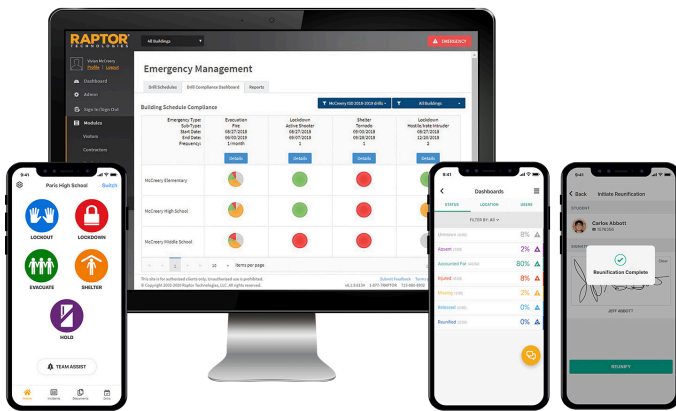
### 5. A solution should be configurable to integrate with all communication platforms and support all protocols.

Communication platforms and emergency response protocols vary by district and evolve over time—it is essential to have a solution that is fully configurable so that it works in an actual emergency. Raptor is fully configurable to support any safety protocol districts decide to implement. This is critical so that everyone is following the correct safety response procedures and 'speaking the same language' in an emergency. A solution must also provide effective two-way communication with public safety, local law enforcement, fire, EMS, and other entities for emergency response communication and coordination. Raptor integrates with Mutualink and other communications providers for two-way communication with first responders.

# Raptor® Emergency Management Integrated Solution

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## RAPTOR DRILL MANAGER®

**Ensure your schools never miss a drill.**

Schedule, conduct, and manage drills, record results, and track compliance at the school or district level.

## RAPTOR® ALERT

**Get help now!** Initiate an emergency instantly. Summon assistance for any type of situation with the touch of a mobile panic button.

## RAPTOR ACCOUNTABILITY™

**Gain full visibility within minutes.** Account for every person including ALL students, staff, visitors, volunteers, and contractors. Access building maps, EOPs, and other key emergency documents.

## RAPTOR REUNIFICATION®

**Reunify students with approved guardians 4 times faster.**

View student status and location in real time. Ensure accurate student reunification with only approved guardians.



We were really pleased with how well everything worked and how quickly and efficiently the Raptor app kept everyone on top of the accountability and reunification processes...

communication through the app is immediate, and the Sheriff's Office and other first responders appreciate how well it works.

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