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TO: Attleboro Public Schools Substitute Employees

FROM: David A. Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools

RE: Massachusetts Law: Criminal History Checks for School Employees

On January 10, 2013, Governor Deval Patrick signed into law G.L. Chapter 459 of the Acts of 2012, An Act Relative to Background Checks. The new law requires all school employees in Massachusetts to submit to national fingerprint-based criminal background checks in addition to state CORI checks.

All employees hired since September 2013 should have completed the new SAFIS fingerprint-based state and national background check.

The fee charged for running the national checks is \$55 for school employees licensed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and \$35 for school employees not required to be licensed by DESE. The background checks are conducted once, and therefore, this is a onetime fee.

The Statewide Applicant Fingerprint Identification Services (SAFIS) MorphoTrust USA IndentoGo™ registration website is available for you to schedule your fingerprinting appointment. Current Southeastern MA locations are: Brockton, Hingham, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, New Bedford, North Attleboro, Plymouth, Pocasset, Taunton, West Yarmouth, and Westport. As new locations open they are listed under locations on the Morpho Trust Massachusetts registration webpage.

These are the steps that you now need to follow:

- 1. Go to the registration website: http://www.identogo.com/FP/Massachusetts.aspx
- 2. Read through the Registration Guide
- 3. Register for a fingerprinting appointment at one of the available enrollment centers
- 4. Go to your scheduled appointment to physically have your fingerprints taken
- 5. At the end of your appointment, you will be given a receipt; provide a copy of that receipt to the Personnel Office

If you have any questions, you can contact Kathleen Black, Human Resource Specialist in the Personnel Office. Additional information can be found on the following websites: http://goo.gl/dEEjGU; http://www.doe.mass.edu/chri

You will need the 8-digit provider ID # for our school district: 00160000

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