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TO: ALL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES, SUBSTITUTES, AND STUDENT TEACHERS

FROM: Anthony C. Azar, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

RE: Implementation of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2013

DATE: July 2016

In September 2013, Governor Patrick signed into law Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2013, "An Act Relative to Background Checks." This new law expands on what we as a public school already do with Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) checks. Specifically, it requires fingerprint-based state and national criminal record checks for all school employees. The State Applicant Fingerprint Identification System (SAFIS) Morpho Trust USA IdentoGO has been created for this purpose. To get the most up-to-date listing of SAFIS locations, please visit: <http://www.L1enrollment.com>.

ALL new hires and ALL substitutes, now and going forward, are subject to the fingerprint-based checks. These fingerprint-based checks must be completed prior to start of the 2016 school year. Employees hired before July 01, 2013, must complete their fingerprint-based checks prior to the start of the 2016 school year.

On our website, under "SAFIS", you will find the Statewide Applicant Fingerprint Identification Services (SAFIS) Program Registration guide for Pre-K-12th Grade Education (ESE), as well as the SAFIS-FORM-004 How to Change, Correct, or Update your National Criminal History Record Response paperwork.

- To register online: <http://www.L1enrollment.com>, select "Online Scheduling", or by phone at: 1-866-349-8130;

- **You will be required to provide the Dighton~Rehoboth Regional School District Code: 06500000** (Substitutes and student teachers may provide up to 10 additional district schools / codes to eliminate the need to pay the fee multiple times)

- Unlike State CORI checks that have no associated fee, individuals will pay a fee to comply with this requirement. The fee is up to \$35.00 (non-licensed employees), and up to \$55.00 for MA DESE Licensed Professionals (including those with pending applications / licenses);

- **Substitutes are school employees under the new law and, therefore, must submit their fingerprints for the state and national checks.** If substitute teachers hold educator licenses issued under M.G.L. Chapter 71, section 38G, they will pay a fee up to \$55.00; otherwise, they will pay a fee up to \$35.00; and

- You will be provided with a fingerprint receipt, a copy of which must be returned to **Kellie Fagan** in the Superintendent's Office. This will be the confirmation that your fingerprints have been captured.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.mass.gov.edu.2013newsupdated/frequently-asked-questions-regarding-background-checks.html>; or <http://www.malegislature.gov.Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2013/Chapter.77>.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Kellie Fagan at: kfagan@drregional.org. *Thank you in advance for your cooperation.*