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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 newly hired school employees in Massachusetts, to submit to national fingerprint-based criminal background checks in addition to state CORI checks.

The Commonwealth has developed regulations, policy and procedures to meet the requirements of this new law. A system is in place for school employers to conduct a national fingerprint-based criminal background check, and we are making you aware of this requirement.

As a new employee of the Clinton Public School District, you have been subject to a Massachusetts criminal background check (CORI). In addition, you are now required to submit to a national criminal background check by submitting your fingerprints. The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and the Department of Criminal Justice Information Services, working with the Executive Office of Education, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Department of Early Education and Care, have established the procedures for taking fingerprints, submitting them to the national database and returning reports to school employers. Under c. 459, the individual employee or prospective employee is responsible for the cost of the national criminal background check. Additional information on how to schedule an appointment, proper ID, and how to correct an incorrect record is available at <http://www.identogo.com/FP/Massachusetts.aspx>

Your continued employment in the Clinton Public School District is conditioned upon completion and assessment of a national criminal background check as well as the state CORI check already completed.

Please sign below indicating your understanding and acknowledgement of these conditions of employment and the required national criminal background check and return to Mary Neeley-Winkler, CORI Administrator, in Central Office.

Attached is specific information and directions on how to proceed in this process.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

For more information regarding national criminal background checks, please visit <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/dcjis/>

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