SOMERSET BERKLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



SOMERSET PUBLIC SCHOOLS

All Students Achieving Excellence

To: All Staff Members

From: Jeffrey Schoonover Superintendent of Schools

Re: Fingerprinting Notice

As you may be aware, former Governor Patrick signed into law several years ago Chapter 459 of the Acts of 2012, "An Act Relative to Background Checks" (603 CMR 51.00). This law requires that school employees undergo a Statewide Applicant Fingerprint Identification Services (SAFIS) check in addition to a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) as a condition of employment. The Somerset Public School Committee and Somerset Berkley Regional School Committee adopted a new Background check policy (ADDA) on September 24, 2014 putting this law into school policy.

DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) has contracted with IdentoGo as the vendor for fingerprinting. There are currently a few sites in Southeastern Massachusetts that you can go to for this fingerprinting. While you are on the registration website, you will get a schedule of the closest sites and you will book your appointment online. Registration MUST be done online at https://ma.ibtfingerprint.com. The cost is \$35.00 for non-licensed personnel and \$55.00 for licensed personnel. The cost will be the responsibility of the employee as a condition of employment. During the registration process you will be asked to enter a *provider ID which is 02730000 for SPS and 07630000 for SBRSD*. The secured SAFIS results will be received and reviewed by my office.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to contact my office and speak with Louann Cordeiro at 508-324-3100 ext. 4 or at cordeirol@sbregional.org.