



To: All District Employees
From: Felicia Moschella, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools
Re: Fingerprinting Requirements for Public School Employees:
Implementation of MGL Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2013

In September 2013, Governor Patrick signed into law Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2013, "An Act Relative to Background Checks." This law expanded the Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) checks used in our schools. Specifically, it requires a fingerprint-based state and national criminal record check for all school employees. The State Applicant Fingerprint Identification System (SAFIS) MorphoTrust USA IndentoGo™ was created for this purpose.

All employees hired since September 2013 should either have a completed SAFIS background check or have a check in process. Additional details regarding the locations, including hours of operation, are available on the registration website.

You will find the Statewide Applicant Fingerprint Identification Services (SAFIS) at <https://www.mass.gov/statewide-applicant-fingerprint-identification-services-safis> with acceptable forms of identification as well as the SAFIS-FORM-004: How to Change, Correct or Update your National Criminal History Record Response paperwork.

- To register online at <http://www.identogo.com/FP/Massachusetts.aspx>, select Online Scheduling or by phone at (866) 349-8130.
- You will be required to provide **Abington Public School District and ESE Organization Code: 00010000.**
- Unlike state CORI checks that have no associated fee, individuals will pay a fee to comply with this requirement of \$35.00 for non-licensed employees and \$55.00 for DESE Licensed Professionals (including those with pending applications/licenses).
- Do not list the individual school location. You must register under the Abington Public School District. When completing the online registration, please enter the following information for the district as your employer:

Provider or Organization code 00010000
Abington Public School District
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Abington, MA 02351
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Dr. Felicia Moschella

For more information please visit: <http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2013/Chapter77>

If you have any further questions, please contact Rhonda Seifert, HR Coordinator, at rhondaseifert@abingtonps.org.