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To: All Volunteers of the Dover Area School District

From: David S. Concino – Director of Human Resources

Date: August 15, 2016 (Revised)

Re: **Important Law Change Update – Effective July 1, 2015**

The PA Legislature has amended the Child Protective Services Law numerous times over the past year. The most recent changes came to us through Act 15 of 2015. All new changes are **highlighted in red**.

1. All prospective volunteers of the Dover Area School District are required to obtain an ACT 34 PA State Police Criminal Record Check (**no cost**) and an ACT 151 PA Child Abuse History Clearance (**no cost**).
2. Volunteers are exempt from the fingerprinting clearance if they have lived in the state of Pennsylvania for the past ten (10) continuous years.
3. Effective July 1, 2015, all volunteers of the Dover Area School District must now renew their new clearances **every five (5) years**.
4. **Volunteers approved before August 25, 2015, have until July 1, 2016 to obtain clearances or update them if they are more than five (5) years old.**
5. **Act 15 does not allow employers to accept “free background checks” from volunteers for employment reasons.**

The district recommends that you begin getting new clearances now. All three (3) clearances, an updated instruction sheet and a clearance information flow chart are all posted on the home page of the Dover Area School District website (www.doversd.org).

Please Note: It is the obligation of each current volunteer to accept the financial responsibility to obtain and submit their clearances to the district in order to remain on active status.

Volunteers should submit their completed clearances to the attention of Beth Miller or Carolyn Mitchell (Receptionists) Administration Building - 101 Edgeway Road - Dover, PA 17331. Please understand, this is a state mandate and as such requirements are placed on the district if documents are not provided by the deadline. Please direct any question to Heather Thomas at 717-292-3671 x80225 (hthomas@doversd.org) . Thank you.