Dear Milton Public School Employees:

RE- Update on the fingerprint based criminal background check

In 2013, Governor Patrick signed into law the requirement for all public school employees to have a one-time national criminal background check. Unlike CORI, this check will examine criminal activity in all states including Massachusetts.

The national criminal background check will require you to schedule an appointment to go to one of (currently eight) state-wide locations to be fingerprinted. The fingerprints will be sent to the FBI and a report will be sent to the Criminal Justice Information Service. The final report will be sent to me for review.

All Milton Public School employees should have completed the fingerprinting requirements.

All new employees should have their fingerprints done immediately, as this is a condition of your employment.

Please see below from Mass.gov site regarding the fees.

The fee charged for running the national checks will be $55 for school employees licensed by the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education under G.L. Chapter 71, Section 38G (licensed educators and specialists) and $35 for all others (e.g., school secretaries, cafeteria workers, janitors, bus drivers, etc.), as well as EEC-licensed early educators and childcare providers. As is the case in almost every other state that conducts fingerprint-based state and national criminal history checks, the fee will be paid by the individual employee or educator/provider.

Please visit the site below for frequently asked questions regarding background checks laws.
http://www.mass.gov/edu/2013newsupdates/frequently-asked-questions-regarding-background-checks.html

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Dr. Glenn Pavlicek, Assistant Superintendent