GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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, beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, to submit to national fingerprint-based criminal background checks in addition to state CORI checks.

The Commonwealth is developing regulations, policy and procedures to meet the requirements of this new law. As of today, a system is not yet in place for school employers to conduct a national fingerprint-based criminal background check.

As a new employee of the Gateway Regional School District, you will be subject to a Massachusetts criminal background check (CORI), which must be completed before you may begin work. In addition, you will be required to submit to a national criminal background check by submitting your fingerprints when that system is available. 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, are in the process of establishing 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.

Your continued employment in the Gateway Regional 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.

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Printed Name

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Signature Date

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