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To Our Dedicated Volunteers and Interested New Volunteers:

This past spring the Abington School District sent information regarding the new State requirements for clearances for volunteers who serve in our schools. The Pennsylvania legislature has since revised the law that pertains to school volunteers and the need for clearances. Revised volunteer clearance procedures will be issued with an effective date of July 1, 2016. In the meantime, for the 2015-2016 school year, the following procedures will apply.

Only the following volunteers will need clearances for the 2015-16 school year:

- Volunteers who have regular and significant contact with students or with confidential student information which includes volunteer coaches, activity advisors, clerical volunteers, and all regularly scheduled volunteers; and
- Volunteers who volunteer from time to time, exceeding two (2) weeks in cumulative time throughout the entire school year.

Additionally, current volunteers who have previously obtained clearances are required to renew their clearances every 60 (sixty) months. Therefore, current volunteers who have existing clearances that will be 60 (sixty) months old at any time during the 2015-2016 school year must provide renewed clearances before the time at which their existing clearances are 60 (sixty) months old.

If you believe you need clearances for or at any point during the 2015-16 school year, you should process your clearances through the Office of Human Resources in the Administration Building, at 970 Highland Avenue. Please note with the changes in the law, the clearances will now be valid for five (5) instead of three (3) years as noted previously. You will also receive a volunteer ID badge after you submit all your clearances.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation. If you have any questions, please call the Abington School District Office of Human Resources at 215-881-2509. We thank you for your continued support of the students of the Abington School District.

Sincerely,



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