

STONEHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

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Dear Provider:

The Stoneham Public Schools is writing to you as someone who interacts with students who reside in our community, to seek your assistance. Massachusetts special education regulations require the following:

In accordance with Federal Law, IDEA and Massachusetts law 603 CMR 28.00, the Stoneham Public Schools provides special education programs designed to meet the needs of eligible students who are attending not only public schools but also those who are home schooled or are attending private schools at private expense and whose parents reside in Stoneham.

In light of this, we would like to remind you that our office stands ready to assist with evaluation, identification, and provision of services to students who may be eligible for special education. If a student is found eligible for special education, all programs and services are offered without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity and disability.

If you, your staff, or your families have any concern that a student between the ages of 3 and 22 may be disabled and may require special education services, you are asked to contact the following:

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In addition to individual referrals for students between the ages of 3 and 22, the Stoneham Public Schools offers preschool screenings for Stoneham residents who are three to five years of age. The preschool screening is voluntary and offered to parents who may have concerns about their child's development. Children are screened by members of the special education staff in the following areas of development: speech and language, fine and gross motor skills, and cognitive development. The upcoming Preschool Screening dates for the 2022-2023 school year have yet to be determined.

Please call the Department of Student Services at **781-279-3810 ext. 6** for information regarding the date, time, and location of these screenings. Also, if the dates present a conflict, are too far from the date of inquiry or for any other reason are ill fitting please call to schedule another screening appointment at a more appropriate time.

In the Spring before a child enters Kindergarten, the Stoneham Public Schools also conducts a screening for all potential Kindergarten students in the district. All parents who have enrolled their child in the Stoneham Public Schools will be contacted by the school to schedule an appointment. However, if a child is not enrolled in the Stoneham Public Schools parents can contact the Department of Student Services at **781-279-3810 ext. 6** to be referred to the appropriate school to schedule a screening.

Thank you for your assistance, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours,

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