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Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff members:

I wish to take a moment to bring to your attention the following information regarding federal and state laws and regulations of which you should be aware. If you ever have a question or a need to discuss an issue relating to any of these topics, please do not hesitate to contact the person listed.

Each Act of Legislation covers many pages so we have summarized each Act into a few explanatory statements. Anyone wishing more information could contact the coordinator for each piece of legislation.

CHAPTER 622 – TITLE IX AND PUBLIC LAW 94-142

This law makes it clear that all aspects of public school education must be fully open and available to members of both sexes and minority groups. No school may exclude a student from any course, activity, service or resource available in that public school on account of race, color, sex, religion or ethnic origin.

**Coordinator of Title IX: Michelle McKeon
Assistant Superintendent (643-2100)**

CHAPTER 603 Section 28

A special needs child is a child who is unable to progress effectively in the regular school program because of a temporary or permanent adjustment problem.

PARENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

1. Request an evaluation.
2. Participate in the evaluation process.
3. Ask for further evaluation outside the school
4. Receive a copy of the proposed Educational Plan.

**Coordinator of Special Needs: Julieann Hoell
Director of Student Services (643-2160)**

SEXUAL HARASSMENT, BULLYING & HAZING

It is the policy of the North Attleborough School Department to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from sexual harassment, bullying & hazing. It shall be a violation of this policy for any employee of the North Attleborough School Department to sexually harass, bully or haze another school employee or student; it shall also be a violation of this policy for any North Attleborough student to sexually harass, bully or haze another student or school employee.

**Coordinators: Michelle McKeon, Assistant Superintendent (643-2100)
Catherine Calicchia, Human Resource Department (643-2175)**

SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

Section 504 identifies a handicapped person as anyone with a physical or mental disability that substantially limits one or more of such major life activities as walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, working or learning. Section 504 makes local school districts responsible for providing an appropriate education for all physically and mentally handicapped students at public expense.

**Section 504 Chair: Julieann Hoell
Director of Student Services (643-2160)**

TITLE VI

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 – This law prohibits discrimination, exclusion from participation and the denial of benefits based on race, color and national origin.

**Title VI Coordinator: Michelle McKeon
Assistant Superintendent (643-2100)**