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## FINGERPRINTING PUPILS

The Board of Education recognizes the advantage to both parents and law enforcement agencies of a means of identifying children who have become lost or been abducted. Accordingly, the Board will cooperate with the Sheriff of Burlington County and the Delanco Police Department in the voluntary fingerprinting of district children. Children eligible for the fingerprinting program include pupils enrolled in grades Kindergarten through 8 in this district who have not previously been fingerprinted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:38-29.

The Board will make school facilities available for the fingerprinting of children by law enforcement officers and will provide personnel to assist in the process. The Board will permit the fingerprinting of only those children who present the written consent of their parent or guardian, or temporary caretaker.

The Board directs the Superintendent to give notice, at least two weeks in advance, to the parent, guardian or temporary caretaker of each eligible child of the date on which fingerprinting will occur. The notice will clearly state that fingerprinting is voluntary and that no adverse consequences will result from a parent or guardian's refusal or neglect to consent to the fingerprinting of his or her child. An orientation program shall be provided for pupils for whom fingerprinting has been requested to assist them in understanding the purpose of fingerprinting.

Fingerprint records shall be given to the parent or guardian of the child fingerprinted. No record of fingerprints shall be retained by this Board of Education and no record shall be made or retained to identify those children who were fingerprinted or of those who declined to be fingerprinted.

The Board will annually make the fingerprinting service available for newly eligible children.

N.J.S.A.-18A:38-29 et seq.

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