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NOTICE OF PARENT AND STUDENT RIGHTS UNDER SECTION 504

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, commonly referred to as "Section 504", is a non-discrimination statute enacted by the United States Congress. One purpose of the Act is to prohibit discrimination and to assure that disabled students have educational opportunities and benefits equal to those provided to non-disabled students.

An eligible student under Section 504 is a student who (a) currently has, or (b) has a record of having, or (c) is regarded as having a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits a major life activity such as learning, self-care, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, working or performing manual tasks.

The enabling regulations for Section 504 as set out in 34 CFR Part 104 provides parents and/or students with the following rights:

1. Have your child take part in and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination based on a disability.
2. Have the District advise you as to your rights under federal and state law.
3. Receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation, or placement of your child.
4. Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with non-disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the District make reasonable accommodations to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities.
5. Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided students without disabilities.
6. Have your child receive special education and related services if she/he is found to be eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), or to receive reasonable accommodations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.
7. Have eligibility and educational placement decisions made based upon a variety of information sources, and by individuals who know the student, the eligibility data, and placement options.
8. Have transportation provided to a school placement setting at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the student were placed in a program operated by the District.

9. Give your child an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the school District through the provision of reasonable accommodations,
10. Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, eligibility, educational program, and placement.
11. Obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records.
12. Receive a response from the District to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records,
13. Request amendment of your child's educational records if there is reasonable cause to believe that they are inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your child. If the District refuses this request, it shall notify you within a reasonable time, and advise you of the right to a hearing.
14. Request impartial due process hearing related to decisions regarding your child's identification, eligibility, and educational placement. You and your child may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you at your own cost.
15. File a complaint or grievance with the District when you believe your child's rights have been violated,

The designated school district 504/ADA coordinator is
Margaret Camire
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6 Morse Street
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Alternatively, a complaint can be filed with the U.S. Department of Education

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights
5 Post Office Square, 8th Floor
Boston, MA 02109
Phone: (617) 289-0111

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