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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In an effort to provide increased security and safety to all our students, we want to ensure that everyone supervising children on their own has had a Davis School District background check. Employees, of course, have background checks before beginning work. However, Davis School District (DSD) is now asking some volunteers to clear a background check before being allowed to work with students if they will not be in line of sight of a school employee.

Not all volunteers will need background checks if they are working under the direct supervision and line of sight of an employee, such as parent volunteering at a class activity or reading with students. However, volunteers who work outside of the line of sight of an employee must have a background check through DSD. Many parents have cleared background checks though other organizations and agencies. Unfortunately, these organizations and agencies do not communicate with DSD when additions are added to people's records. DSD background checks allow law enforcement agencies to notify us when something has changed that we may need to be aware. Thus, only a DSD background check will suffice.

At Hill Field Elementary, the biggest way this will affect us is with the case field trips. At times, parents have been asked to supervise a group of students at places like the zoo, planetarium, and natural history museum where groups are formed and worked independent of each other. In the future, teachers will begin asking for volunteers who have cleared a DSD background check for assistance.

We recognize taking the time to be background check takes time and money. In an effort to offset the cost, Hill Field Elementary and DSD has found funding to cover the cost of the first 50 volunteers who will take the time to do so. The regular cost of a background check is \$28 a person. Once a volunteer has received the background check, that check is valid indefinitely, according to current state law.

The office staff can provide a form to take with the first 50 people so they will not be charged. If you are interested, you will need to go to:

Human Resources Office First Floor 45 East State Street Farmington, Utah 84025-0588 Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

We love and appreciate the wonderful volunteers who help make school a successful experience. We want all parents to have peace of mind, knowing that their children are safe in our care. This is another way that we can improve that quality and security of care. If you have any questions about these security measures, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Douglas Forsgren Principal

Hill Field Elementary is committed to fostering success for lifelong learners and confident problem-solvers in a safe environment.

Through collaboration, students will be enabled to reach their highest potential.