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February 14, 2022

Re: Notice of Destruction of Special Education Student Records: students born prior to January 1, 2000.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Massachusetts Student Record Regulations authorizes public school districts to destroy student records within seven (7) years of a student's graduation, transfer, or withdrawal from the school district. (603 CMR 23.06).

In accordance with applicable state and federal regulations, the New Bedford Public Schools hereby notifies of the intent to destroy Special Education-related student records of former students born prior to Jan. 1st, 2000, within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice. The records to be destroyed include, but are not limited to, documentation contained within your child's/your temporary student record. A copy of your child's/your student transcript will, however, be maintained by the District for at least sixty (60) years following your child's/your graduation, transfer, or withdrawal from the District.

Massachusetts regulations require that the District provide prior written notice of its intent to destroy temporary student records and that the student be given an opportunity to obtain copies of all records to be destroyed. If you would like to be provided with copies of these records, **please contact Diane Medeiros at 508-997-4511 ext. 14452 BEFORE MARCH 31, 2022.**

Records of former NBPS Special Education students born during 1990 through 1999 will be destroyed beginning April 1, 2022.

For additional information regarding your child's/your rights in regard to student records, you may contact:

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
75 Pleasant St.  
Malden, MA 02050  
781-338-3300