



Perry Highway Lutheran Pre-Kindergarten

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Dear Families of Perry Highway Lutheran Pre-K,

Re: Act 153: Child Protection Policy The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania signed into law Act 153 in October 2014. This law requires anyone who is 18 years and older seeking a paid or unpaid position with a religious institution and has regular or routine contact with children to have both their State Criminal Background check and their Child Abuse clearance: The new law goes into effect on July 1, 2015.

****Any parent or relative of an enrolled PHL Pre-K student interested in volunteering on a regular basis AND all chaperones for the 4/5 Pre-K class must have these clearances on file before attending any off-site field trips.****

A copy of both of these background checks must be on file in the Pre-K office. These clearances must be done every three years. In addition, if the applicant has not been a Pennsylvania resident for 10 consecutive years, an FBI background check is also required. A list of volunteers and staff for whom clearances are needed but not limited to include:

- All paid staff (including Pre-School)
- Any off-site involvement with children (field trips)
- Any event that involves supervising children

Information on how to obtain these clearances is attached to this letter. In an effort to keep information confidential, all clearances should be sent to our office to the attention of Laurie Kretz (Pre-K Director).

Both clearances show your social security number. Please black out the first 5 numbers of your social security number before sending the clearances to our office. If you are part of the group of volunteers that need to have background checks complete, I encourage you to do this as soon as possible to avoid any last minute delays in getting the clearances from the State. If you don't have the necessary clearances by July 1, you will not be able to participate in activities. Anyone that has clearances done for their employment or involvement in their school districts or local sports organizations can send a copy of their current clearances to Laurie Kretz.

If there are any questions or concerns with this policy, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Laurie Kretz
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Mrs. Laurie Kretz, Director



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