

August 23, 2016

Dear Caregivers / Guardians,

In June 2016, Anchor Academy (formerly Southeast Alternative School) participated in a Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE) Approved Private Special Education School Program Review with all Justice Resource Institute Schools. The Department is required by federal and state special education law to conduct periodic reviews of specific education programs and services in public and approved private special education school programs throughout the Commonwealth. Program reviews include document, staff and student record review, observations of the facility including instructional areas, and interviews with a sampling of staff and parents.

Through the review of staff and student records and the on-site visit, Anchor Academy is proud to announce the successful completion of the school review with zero findings! The school culture, the commitment of care to the students, the professional growth of the employees and the physical plant of the school were especially noted as areas of excellence. Anchor Academy could not be more proud of the hard work and dedication put forth daily by all its employees to ensure that our students are successfully achieving their academic, social and emotional goals.

A detailed report of the findings for Justice Resource Institute is available that describes the implementation status of each school's requirement reviewed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Both the Department's report and Justice Resource Institute's response to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education are public information and are now available. Anchor Academy will have available in the main office a printed copy of the report findings for families and the public to review. A link is also available to view the copy online on the JRI website and noted below.

<http://www.jri.org/sites/default/files/DESE%20Program%20Review%20Report.pdf>

We are thrilled to announce our successful completion of this review and hope you take the opportunity to review the report. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding our review and/or the report.

Sincerely,

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