**NOTICE OF DESTRUCTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS**

Under federal law, special education records, which have been collected by the Stone County School District relating to identification, evaluation, educational placement, and provision of special education services, must be retained for a **minimum of five years** after special education services to the student have ended. Special education services end when the student is no longer eligible for services by graduating with a traditional diploma, or completing his or her educational program at age 22.

Prior to the destruction of special education records, individuals 18 years of age and older or parents/guardians of dependent individuals have the right to review and/or obtain copies of these records. These records may be of use when applying for Social Security benefits, rehabilitation services, college entrance, etc.

Records on students who were enrolled in a special education program in the Stone County School District are scheduled for destruction during the month of November 2024.

If you wish to maintain student records for your personal records and for any questions or more information, contact the Special Education Department at (601) 928-7247. Positive identification will be required before the records can be released to the individual.