# **Multi-Factor Authentication (Registration and Acknowledgement)**

## \*\*You must register for MFA - failure to register by May 31 may create a disruption in your work day so please take action now\*\*

<u>Summary of what you need to do:</u> <u>**Review**</u> the below information, <u>**Go To**</u> verifyme.devereux.org</u> and <u>**Register**</u> for MFA, mark this activity as <u>**Complete**</u>.

#### What is MFA?

- Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) is a security feature that reduces the risk that your Devereux username and password can be used by someone other than you.
- MFA requires the user to supply their username and two credentials a password and a randomly generated code when logging in to their Microsoft accounts. This includes Outlook, OneDrive, Skype, Teams, SharePoint, and other O365 applications.
- Options for receiving that code include: phone call, text message, or an Authenticator app. The text option is popular and easy to manage.

#### Why are we doing this?

Many email phishing attempts include links to fake, but convincing, logon screens asking for username and password. Unfortunately, some users fall for these traps and give up their credentials to a hacker who then uses them to access the network. When MFA is enabled, the logon will require the code, and without that additional step, access to the hacker is blocked and they're forced to look for another target. **Note:** *Even if you rarely use your Devereux network account, its existence makes it a potential target since cyber criminals can easily identify user IDs and guess many passwords, and therefore MFA is required.* 

#### Who will have MFA?

- All Devereux users are required to have MFA.
- After initial one-time registration, MFA will not be required when you are working on the network.
- MFA **will** be required when Devereux machines are **off** the network and on personal devices (smart phones, laptops, desktops, etc.).

### How do I register for MFA?

- 1. **Requirements before starting:** You will need to have the device you will use to receive the MFA code: mobile device for text or Authenticator app, or if you select phone call, you have to be at the phone you will use. If you never work away from the office and do not have a mobile device available, you can use an office phone number as your MFA method.
- 2. Ready to register? Visit verifyme.devereux.org and follow the on-screen instructions.
- 3. Return to this window and click "Mark as Complete"
- **Need assistance?** Click here for more detailed registration instructions or call the Help Desk at 800-969-4310.

By clicking "Mark as Complete," I acknowledge I have registered for MFA.