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Dear Parents/  
Guardians:

As a parent or guardian of a student attending a school that is receiving Federal Title I dollars, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teacher(s) and instructional paraprofessional(s) who instruct **your** child.

Federal law **requires** every Title I school district to comply **and** to provide you with **the** requested information in a **timely manner**. All schools have on file a listing of faculty members and their professional qualifications. At any time, you may ask:

- whether the teacher **met state** qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications **were waived**, and
- what undergraduate or **graduate** degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.
- You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives **this** assistance, we can provide information about the paraprofessionals qualifications. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which was signed into law in December 2015, includes additional right to know requests.
- At any time, **you may** request: Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and Information on required assessments that include:
  - o subject matter **tested**,
  - o purpose of the test, source of the requirement (if applicable),
  - o amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and
  - o time and format of disseminating results.

All of the above information can be requested through your school principal.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the skills he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements. We look forward to the upcoming school year, and together we will make a difference in your child's life.

Sincerely,

**Ashley Glasgow-Crockett**  
Director of Federal Programs