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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The new federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) law requires schools that receive federal education funds under Title I, Part A to provide information to parents about the professional qualifications of their child's teachers. You have the right to request and review this information, and it must be provided to you in a reasonable amount of time.

The information you may request includes the following:

- Has the teacher met state qualifications and licensing requirements for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction?
- Is the teacher providing instruction under emergency or other provisional status that means regular state qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived?
- What college degree does the teacher have, as well as any other graduate degree or certification? In what academic subject area(s) were the degrees received?
- Are paraprofessionals providing instructional services to my child? If so, what are their qualifications?

The district is also required to inform you if your child has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet the federal definition of being "highly qualified." Highly qualified teachers are those who have met state qualifications and licensure requirements. If this is the case, you will be notified.

All teachers have been required by the Every Student Succeeds Act to be highly qualified by the start of the 2006-2007 school year. One of the law's intentions is to improve student achievement by focusing on improvements in teacher quality. For additional information about the requirements for teacher quality, visit the U.S. Department of Education's Website.

If you have questions, please call Angie Peschel at 651-621-6003.

Sincerely,



Angie Peschel

Director of Curriculum & Instruction

For translation assistance or interpreting needs contact Angel Toro (Spanish) at 651-724-2854, Mee Yang (Hmong) at 651-724-0396, or Basima Mohammed (Somali) at 651-724-7482. For all other interpreting needs contact your child's dean or classroom teacher.

Para asistencia en traducciones ó ayuda como intérprete, por favor comuníquese con Angel Toro al 651-724-2854.

Yog xa tau kev pab thiab hais ua lus Hmoob thov hu rau Mee Yang ntawm 651-724-0396.

Haddi aad ubaahantahay faahfaahin dheerad ah ama turjumaad, fadlan kala soo xiriir Basima Mohamed, taleefanka 651-724-7482.