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Troy Peyerk, Academic Coordinator

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* is our country's most important federal education law. In 2001 this law was reauthorized and is now called the ***No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)***. NCLB was designed to make changes in teaching and learning that will help increase academic achievement in our schools.

The law requires that all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents or guardians of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child's teachers. Our school receives Title I D funding and we are happy to share this information with you at your request.

We believe that nothing is more important to your child's education at school than having a well-prepared and highly qualified teacher. The law requires that all teachers who teach in core content areas must meet a specific legal definition of "highly qualified" in order to teach in schools that receive Title I funding. The legal definition of a "highly qualified teacher" has three parts. It states that the teacher must have the following:

1. A four-year college degree
2. A regular teaching certificate/license
3. Proof of his/her knowledge in the subject they teach

All of our teachers are highly qualified, some have advanced degrees, in addition every teacher continues learning through professional development activities and our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure that their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level. A highly qualified teacher knows what to teach, how to teach, and has a full understanding of the subject matter being taught. Our teachers are prepared to meet the diverse and individual needs of each student entering our academy, and every teacher in our academy is dedicated to teaching your child.

I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with your child's teacher or the academy on a regular basis. For more information on *NCLB*, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education (USDE) Web site at www.ed.gov/nclb.

Sincerely,

Troy Peyerk
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