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LAKE COUNTY SCHOOLS
2019-2020 Annual Parent Notification
Right to Know Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act – ESSA, Section 1112 (e)(1)(A) it is a requirement to notify every parent/guardian of a student in a Title I school that you have the right to request and receive in a timely manner:

- a) information regarding the professional qualifications of your student's teacher. The information shall include the following:
 - *If the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas taught;*
 - *If the teacher is teaching under emergency or temporary status in which the state qualifications and licensing criteria are waived;*
 - *The teacher's degree major, graduate certification, and field of discipline; and*
 - *Whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications. ESSA, Section 1112(e)(1)(A)(i)-(ii)*
- b) information regarding any State or local educational agency policy regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by section 1111(b)(2) and by the State or local educational agency, which shall include a policy, procedure, or parental right to opt the child out of such assessment, where applicable. ESSA, Section 1112(e)(2)(A)
- c) notification if your student has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet the applicable state certification for licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned. ESSA, Section 1111(e)(1)(B)(II)

In addition, every teacher continues learning through professional development and is evaluated each year to make sure that their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with your child's teacher(s) on a regular basis. If you would like to learn more about ESSA, and the role of parents, please visit the Florida Department of Education Website at <http://www.fldoe.org/academics/essa.shtml> .

By partnering, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth West
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