Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Federal law known as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015 requires that parents be informed when their child attends a Title I school.

This letter is to inform you that our school district has Title I schools for this current school year. These schools receive federal funds from the Title I program that help provide additional academic support to students. Under the Title I federal guidelines, one of the key provisions of this federal plan is to make sure schools have teachers who meet state certification for content and grade level in classrooms possible. At Garden City Public Schools we are proud of our teachers and know they are ready and prepared to give your child a high quality education. Schools receiving Title I funds are required to provide parents with information regarding their rights.

- Parents may request the professional qualifications of their child’s classroom teachers including:
  - Whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
  - Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived;
  - The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.

- Parents may ask if their child is provided services by a paraprofessional and their qualifications.
- Parents will receive timely notice if their child has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.
- Parents may request information on the level of achievement of their child in each of state academic assessments
- Parents may request information regarding the annual progress of their child’s school.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me or the building principal at your child’s school.

Sincerely,

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