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Dear Jefferson-Houston Parents and Guardians,

On December 10, 2015, the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* was signed into law. Section 1112(e)(1)(A) states that as a family attending a Title I school, you have the right to request information about the qualifications of the classroom staff working with your child.

If you request this information, the school division will provide you with answers to the following questions as soon as possible:

- 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 because of special circumstances.
- Whether the teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification or degree he/she received
- Whether paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

The Virginia Department of Education maintains a web portal which may answer all of these questions. However, for certain new teachers, the information may not be updated immediately. The web address for this service is: <https://p1pe.doe.virginia.gov/tinfo/>

If you would like to request any of this information, please contact me at (703) 706-4400 or by e-mail at john.mccain@acps.k12.va.us. Should you have any other questions regarding your child's education, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

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