Zion Elementary District 6

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* was passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law on December 10, 2015. The *ESSA* replaces the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)* and is the latest reauthorization of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*.

Although *NCLB* was designed to make changes in teaching and learning in order to increase students' academic achievement, the Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) provision under *NCLB wa*s eliminated from the *ESSA*. Despite this fact, all educators in ZION ESD 6 still are required to hold the appropriate state certificate/license for their given position.

Under the *ESSA*, all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the professional qualifications of their child's teachers and paraprofessionals. All of ZION ESD 6 school receive Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you upon your request.

Lake County Illinois has some of the most qualified teachers in the country, and we are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff comprising ZION ESD 6. All our regular teachers have college degrees and many have advanced degrees. In addition, every teacher continues learning through professional development activities and our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure 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. For more information on *ESSA*, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education's (USDE) website at http://www.ed.gov/essa.

For further information about Title I at your school, visit www.zion6.org, under the "Business Office" department tab, there will be a selection for Title I. You can also reach out through email at ssnyder@zion6.org, or through phone at 847-379-0121.

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

Sincerely,

Zion ESD 6 Family

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