

LEHIGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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“Educating students for lifelong success by providing challenging and relevant instruction, fostering academic and personal growth, promoting civic responsibility, cultivating community partnerships and supporting the mental well-being of all in a safe environment”

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Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

Welcome to the 2025-2026 academic school year. We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable summer and your student is looking forward to another great school year.

Lehighton Area Elementary Center receives Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. Throughout the school year, we will be providing you with important information about this law and your child’s education. This letter is to notify you about your right to request information about the qualifications of the classroom staff working with your child.

As a Title I school, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA). These regulations also allow you to learn more about your child’s teachers’ training and credentials. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived
- What undergraduate or graduate degree(s) the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional’s qualifications.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the ESEA, includes additional right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members can request:

Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out and information on required assessments that include:

- Subject matter tested
- Purpose of the test
- Source of the requirement (if applicable)
- Amount of time it takes students to complete the test
- Time and format of disseminating results

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. Enclosed you will find the Lehighton Elementary Center Title I/Parent/School Involvement Compact that has been developed jointly with staff and parents. The Compact outlines how parents, staff, and students will share in the responsibility of improving student academic achievement and the district’s commitment to making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements. Please read the enclosed compact then sign and return it to your child’s teacher.

“The Lehighton Area School District will foster a safe and respectful environment where all individuals have the opportunity to reach their potential.”

If you have any questions about any information as outlined in this letter, please contact either Mr. Aaron Sebelin or Dr. Mark McGalla at the Lehigh Area Elementary Center, 610-377-7880, or asebelin@lehigh.org or mmcgalla@lehigh.org.

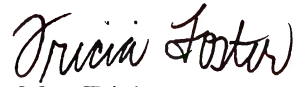
Sincerely,



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