BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Right to Know Information

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Dear Bulldog Family,

Your student attends Oak Flat Elementary School, which 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 student's education. This letter explains your right to request information about the qualifications of the classroom staff working with your student.

At Oak Flat Elementary School, we are very proud of our teachers and feel they are ready for the coming school year and are prepared to give your student a high-quality education. As a Title I school, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in ESEA. These regulations allow you to learn more about your student's teachers' training and credentials. We are happy to provide this information to you. 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, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your student receives help from a paraprofessional. If your student 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 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA) includes additional right to know requests. At any time, 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, and
    - time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your student develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements.

If you have any questions about your student's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact Stacey Kimble, principal at Oak Flat Elementary School, at 717-776-2445.

Sincerely,

Nadine E. Sanders

Dr. Nadine Sanders
Assistant Superintendent