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Parent/Guardian Right to Know Notification 2026-2027

Dear Title I School Parents/Guardians,

Each year districts and schools are required to provide information to parents, as well as opportunities for them to be involved in the educational decisions that impact their children. The parent engagement requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) specifically reflect:

- Shared accountability between schools and parents for high student achievement
- Local development of parental engagement plans with flexibility to address local needs, and
- Building parents' capacity for using effective practices to improve their child's academic achievement

Under ESEA, parents of students in Title I schools have a right to know the professional qualifications of their children's teacher(s). This letter is to inform you of your right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals:

- Whether the State of Alaska has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency permit or other provisional status through which state licensing criteria have been waived.
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any instructional aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

You also have the right to receive information on your child's level of achievement and academic growth, if applicable and available, on each of the State academic assessments. In addition, you will receive timely notice if your child has been assigned to, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who does not meet applicable State certification or licensure requirements for the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.

If you would like to receive specific information about your child's teacher or paraprofessional, please contact your school's principal/administrator. For general information about the ESEA, please contact Kaitlin Applegate, Director of Federal Programs and Grants, at (907) 331-0650.

Our district is committed to the success of your child. We appreciate your partnership and support.

Sincerely,

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