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Right-to-Know Letter

September 3, 2024

*copy sent home
in K-2 folders

Dear Parent/Guardian,

At the Hazleton Area School District, we are very proud of our teachers, paraprofessionals, and entire staff. We are excited and ready to begin another school year in which we will provide a high-quality education to your child and all the children of the district. As a Title I federally funded school district, we are required to follow federal rules and guidelines under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), relating to teacher certifications and credentials. We are happy to provide the requested information to you any time:

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

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

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) signed into law December 2015 and reauthorizes the ESEA Act of 1965, includes additional right-to-know requests. At any time, you can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and opting out procedures.
- Information on required assessments including subject matter, purpose, allotted time, etc.

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

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact me or the principal at your child's school.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michelle J. Zukoski
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