



Mrs. Erin Phillips

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) is a federal education law. ESEA is designed to make changes in teaching and learning that will help increase academic achievement in our schools.

The law requires that all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of the right to ask schools about the qualifications of the child's teachers. Three of our elementary schools, A.A. Cole Elementary, Hastings Mallory Elementary and Millard Hawk Elementary, along with Central Square Middle School are designated for Title I funding and are happy to share this information at your request.

The law requires that all teachers who teach in the core content areas must meet a specific legal definition of highly qualified in order to teach in our schools that receive Title I funding. The legal definition of a highly qualified teacher has three parts. It states that the teacher must have the following:

- A four-year college degree
- A regular teaching certificate
- Proof of their knowledge in the subject area they teach

Should you wish to request this information, please put that request in writing and send the request to my office.

Sincerely,

Erin A. Phillips
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