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Dear Families,

As the parent of a student attending a Title I school, you have the right to know about the qualifications of the teachers and instructional staff who work with your child. Polk County Public Schools will provide this information upon request.

You may request information about your child's classroom teacher, including:

- Florida certification area(s).
- Whether the teacher is certified or otherwise qualified for the subject(s) taught.
- Whether the teacher has met state requirements for the grade level and subject area taught.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under a temporary, emergency, or other provisional certificate, or has fewer than four years of teaching experience.
- Whether the teacher has received an overall performance rating of Unsatisfactory.

You may also request information about the qualifications of any instructional paraprofessional who provides services to your child.

You will be notified in writing if your child is taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet applicable state certification or licensure requirements.

Parents may also request information about state and district assessments, including their purpose, participation requirements, applicable state or district policies, testing schedules, and when results are available. Information about district and state assessments can be found on the Polk County Public Schools Uniform Assessment Calendar at:
www.polkschoolsfl.com/quicklinks/testingcalendar.

Information about your child's performance on state academic assessments is available through your child's school.

Polk County Public Schools is committed to providing every student with a high-quality education. If you would like any of the information described above, please contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

Frederick R. Heid
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