

August 19, 2019

RE: ESSA Parents Right to Know

Dear Parents and Guardians:

ESSA reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 “to ensure that every child achieves.” ESSA is the nation’s general education law, and as such, has been revised by Congress many times over the years. The last reauthorization took place in 2001 and was called the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).

In accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act/ PARENTS’ RIGHT-TO-KNOW, this is a notification from Oswego Community Unit School District 308 to every parent of a student in a Title I school that you have the right to request and receive in a timely manner:

Information about the professional qualifications of classroom teacher(s):

- Whether the teacher has met Illinois teacher certification requirements for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status through which Illinois qualifications or certification criteria have been waived
- The college major and any graduate certification or degree held by the teacher

*Please know all teachers currently employed in our district are certified in the area they teach.

Whether services are being provided by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications

- Our Title I schools are designated as Targeted Assistance programs which means we provide support to select students needing additional assistance to be successful. At times these interventions are provided by paraprofessionals. Paraprofessionals supporting students are directly supervised by a certificated teacher and meet ISBE professional qualifications.

A description of Assessment Information is to be provided to parents

Districts and schools must also provide information on each assessment required by the State and the district. This assessment calendar document has been uploaded separately for your review. Our assessment calendar is updated annually.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your school principal.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Faith Dahlquist
Associate Superintendent - Title I Director