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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Okeechobee County School Board is committed to providing information to you regarding your child's teacher and paraprofessional qualifications in a timely manner upon request.

At any time, you may ask:

- If the teacher meets the state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching.
- If the teacher has received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived.
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.
- Whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional, and if so, his/her qualifications.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), signed into law in December 2015, contains additional parent right to know requests, including:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out
- Information on required assessments including:
 - o Subject matter tested
 - o Purpose of the test
 - o Source of the requirement (if applicable)
 - o Amount of time it takes students to complete the test
 - o Time and format of distributing results

All of the above information can be requested through your school principal. We appreciate your support and partnership as we work to provide the best education for your child.

Sincerely,

Office of Grants & Special Programs

Central Elementary	Cynthia Kubit	462-5077
Everglades Elementary	Jennifer Ellis	462-5108
North Elementary	Dr. Tuuli Robinson	462-5100
Seminole Elementary	Dr. Robyn Ziolkowski	462-5116
South Elementary	Emily Streelman	462-5087
Osceola Middle School	Sean Downing	462-5070
Yearling Middle School	Dr. Patricia McCoy	462-5056
Okeechobee Achievement Academy	Bryan VanCamp	462-5125
Okeechobee Freshman Campus	Vicki Goggans	462-5288
Okeechobee High School	Lauren Myers	462-5025