

Right to Know Appropriately State Certified Parent/Guardian Notification

To: Parents/Guardians

From: Mrs. Sue Choi, Title I Federal Programs Coordinator

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Every Student Succeeds Act requires school districts that receive Title I funds to notify parents of their legal right to request and to receive specific information about the background and qualifications of their children's teachers.

Consequently, as a parent/guardian of a student in the Spring-Ford Area School District, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner.

Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the Pennsylvania Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the Pennsylvania Department of education has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulation because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

Additionally, Spring-Ford Area School will notify you if your child/children receive four or more consecutive weeks of instruction from a teacher not meeting the definition of "appropriately state certified", regarding the teacher's professional qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please call the building principal of your child's school.