

**TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS UNDER THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT**

**PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS**

To Parents/Guardians:

Your child is attending a school receiving Title I federal funds through the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. This federal law requires that parents/guardians be notified when a teacher who has not demonstrated that he/she meets the NCLB teacher requirements has taught their child for four or more consecutive weeks.

Under the NCLB, teachers of core academic subjects are required to hold state certification and demonstrate subject matter competency for the grade span or subject matter taught. Newly hired Title I teachers must meet the NCLB requirements when hired. All other teachers have until the end of the 2005-06 school year to meet the requirements.

These requirements help us to ensure that all our students receive the best education by teachers who are highly skilled and knowledgeable in their subject areas. Our school district is currently working to determine that our teachers meet these requirements and, if necessary, help teachers meet the requirements through additional support and training.

Currently, a teacher who is authorized to teach in California, but who has not yet completed the process for meeting the NCLB requirements, has taught your child for four or more consecutive weeks. Under the law, school districts have until June 2006 to determine if all their teachers meet the federal requirements. Therefore, your child's teacher may meet the requirements and has just not had the opportunity to demonstrate that he/she does.

You may contact       [insert school name]       to request the qualifications of your child's teacher. If you have any questions, please contact       [insert principal name]       at       [insert telephone number]      .