

Øswego Middle School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act is a federal education law. In 2001, this law was reauthorized and is now called the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). NCLB was designed to make changes in teaching and learning that will help increase academic achievement in our schools.

The law requires that all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child's teachers. Our school receives Title I funding, and we are happy to share this information with you at your request.

The law requires that all teachers who teach in core content areas must meet a specific legal definition of "highly qualified" in order to teach in schools that receive Title I funding.

The legal definition of a "highly qualified teacher" has three parts. It states that the teacher must have the following:

- 1. A four-year college degree
- 2. A regular teaching certificate/license
- 3. Proof of their knowledge in the subject they teach

Should you wish to request this information please put that request in writing and send the request to our office.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Fierro

Mary Beth Fierro Principal