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Dear Parents:

As a parent of a student attending a school that is receiving Federal Title I dollars, you have the right to know if your child is assigned to or taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who has a Bachelor's Degree but does not hold the required state certification.

Presently, your child is being taught by a substitute or a teacher holding an Emergency State Certification. This teacher is taking the required credits toward his/her permanent certificate to make him or her "highly qualified" as required by the No Child Left Behind Act.

A professional development plan is currently being implemented with his/her teacher. In the meantime, we will be closely monitoring the delivery of the educational services to your child, in order to ensure a quality education from the teacher assigned to his/her class.

Sincerely,

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