

PARENTS' RIGHT-TO KNOW

September 4, 2013

Dear Parents and Guardians:

In accordance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Section 1111(h)(6) PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW," this is a notification from Summit Academy and Summit Academy North Schools to every parent of a student in a Title I school that you have the right to request and receive information in a timely manner regarding the professional qualifications of your student's classroom teachers. This information regarding the professional qualifications of your student's classroom teachers shall include the following:

- If the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas taught;
- If the teacher is teaching under emergency or temporary status in which Michigan qualifications and licensing criteria are waived:
- The teachers baccalaureate degree major, graduate certification, and field of discipline; and
- Whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications

If at any time your student has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher that is not highly qualified, you will be notified by the school of this information.

We would also like to remind you that the Annual Education Report is available online and at your child's school. The AER is designed to meet the Federal requirements of the ESEA for an annual report. The report provides detailed data on State administered student assessment results, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results, teacher qualification information, and the state results for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). There is an AER for the State, each district and each school populated with the information. Also, a cover letter has been designed for use.

The AER and cover letters also meet the State requirement (PA 25) for reporting to parents and communities in an annual education report. Local Education Agencies (LEA's) and schools must post and make copies available of the AER and cover letter with required elements 15 days before school starts in the fall of 2010. Summit Academy Schools has had their AER's posted since August and parents were notified via our Newsletter and the "School Reach" phone system. This information will remain available for the full year.

Our schools have jointly developed an agreement and parent compact with parents of Title I participating children.

You will be provided with written notification of Title I, Part A Informational meetings.

We ensure that each parent will receive information in regards to each child's level of academic achievement of the State's assessment.

Annually, not later than 30 days after the beginning of the school year, the district shall provide written notification to the parent(s) of an LEP child that the child has been identified for, or is participating in, a Title I, Part A-funded or Title III language instruction educational program. If the child has a disability, the letter shall inform the parent(s) how the language instruction educational program meets the objectives of the child's individualized educational program (IEP). The notification shall include written guidance detailing the parents' right to have their child immediately removed from the program upon their request and the option parents have to decline to enroll their child in such a program, or to choose another program or method of instruction, if available.

For children who have not been identified as LEP prior to the beginning of the school year, the district shall notify parents within the first 2 weeks of the child being placed in a language instruction educational program.

No later than 30 days after failure to meet annual measurable objectives for the program (Title III) occurs, the district shall provide written notification to the parent(s) of a child identified for participation in, or participating in, the language instruction educational program to inform them that the program has not made progress on the annual measurable achievement objectives.

It is going to be a rewarding and exciting school year!

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's school principal, Mrs. Avery at 734-955-1730 or join us for a Title 1 Informational Meeting on September 26th at our Annual WOW Night, Fall Open House at 6:00 p.m. at Summit Academy North High School.

Sincerely,

Leann Hedke Acting Program Director