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ESSA Parents Right to Know

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law on December 10, 2015. ESSA reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. ESSA is the nation's general education law and, as such, has been revised by Congress many times over the years.

In accordance with the Every Students Succeeds Act/PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW, this is a notification from Obion County Schools that you have the right to request and receive in a timely manner information regarding the professional qualifications of your student's classroom teachers.

This includes information about whether the student's teacher:

- 1) has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- 2) is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- 3) is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher; and
- 4) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

[ESSA 1112(e)(1)(A)(i)-(ii)]

For information on teacher certification and licensing please visit the Tennessee Department of Education's website at <https://www.tn.gov/education/licensing.html>.

In addition to the above information you will be notified if your student has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet the applicable state certification for licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned. ESSA 1112(e)(1)(B)(ii)]

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's principal.

Sincerely,

Lesa Scillion
Federal Programs Director



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