



Blairsville-Saltsburg School District

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RE: No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Blairsville-Saltsburg School District receives Title I federal funding and is included under the regulations of the "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB) Act that was signed into law by the President of the United States, Mr. George W. Bush, on January 8, 2002. The NCLB law requires:

- Increased accountability for states and school districts.
- Greater choice for parents, especially those in low performing schools.
- Great flexibility for state and local education agencies in the use of federal funding.

Under NCLB, parents have the right to request professional qualifications of their children's teacher(s) or paraprofessional(s). This letter is to inform you of your right to ask for the following information regarding classroom teachers and paraprofessionals:

- Whether Pennsylvania has licensed the teacher for the grades and subjects they teach.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which Pennsylvania licensing criteria have been waived.
- The teacher's baccalaureate degree major and whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and if so, the subject of the degree.
- Whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive specific information regarding your child's teacher or paraprofessional, please contact the building principal.

Our district is fully committed to the success of all our students. We appreciate your partnership in our efforts to provide the best education possible for your child.

Sincerely,

H. Robert Mencer, Ed.D.
Interim Superintendent