

# MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA), provides federally funded school-wide support to Madison Elementary School. This program, also known as Title I, provides resources to further the achievement of all students. Throughout the school year, we will share important information about this law and your child's education. This letter lets you know about your right to request information about the qualifications of the staff working with your child, and the assessments he or she will take throughout the course of his or her educational career.

Michigan has some of the most qualified teachers in the country, and we are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff in the Madison School District. As a Title I School, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications. These regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher hold, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

In addition to requesting information about staff, the ESSA legislation includes additional right-to-know requests about assessments. At any time parents and family members can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include
- subject matter tested,
- purpose of the test,
- source of the requirement (if applicable),
- amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and
- time and format of disseminating results.

I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with your child's teacher(s) on a regular basis. For more information on ESSA, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education (USDE) Web site at [www.ed.gov/essa](http://www.ed.gov/essa). By partnering, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,  
Ryan L. Rowe  
Superintendent