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Dear Parent or Guardian:

In an effort to ensure that all students in the School District of Lee County are provided the highest quality education by effective and skilled teachers, we are continually working to make sure all teachers of core academic subjects meet the definition of "Highly Qualified" under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Core academic subjects include English, reading, language arts, mathematics, civics/government, economics, geography, history, science, foreign languages, and the arts.

In order for a teacher to meet the definition of "Highly Qualified," they must have:

- a Bachelor's degree or higher;
- full State certification; AND
- demonstrate knowledge of the academic subject area(s) in which they teach.

Although the District makes every effort to hire teachers that meet ESSA's demanding highly qualified teacher requirements, we would like to inform you that these teachers are presently teaching out of field. These teachers are currently working to meet the requirements, and the School District of Lee County has full confidence in their ability to teach your child effectively.

Out Of Field Teachers:

Dana Barajas – ESOL

Leila Bazzi – ESE & ESOL

Marissa Beyer – ESOL

Kim Cabrera – ESOL

Sara Cappuccilli – Gifted

Ashley Demarais – ESOL

Mary Fine – Reading & ESOL

Jokira Jiles - ESE

Kathleen Reyes – Reading & ESOL

Eric Schiffhauer – Social Science

Jessica Stokes – Business Education

Ronnalee Terry - Health

Karen Whiteman - ESOL

Fachon Williams – Reading & ESOL

In addition, the Lee County School District is providing on-going assistance to so that teachers continue to support student achievement in your child's school.

If you have any questions regarding teacher qualifications, please feel free to contact me at 239/694-3464.

Sincerely,

Matthew Mederios Ed. D.

Principal