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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Under the latest reauthorization of the *Elementary and Secondary Act*, the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) requires that all schools receiving Title 1 funds, must inform parents of their right to ask schools about qualifications of their child's teachers and qualifications of any educational technicians serving their child.

Fort Street School receives Federal Title 1 funds. You have the right to request the following information, which will be provided to you in a timely manner, if you request it:

- Whether the teacher has met Maine's certification criteria for the grade level(s) and subject matter he or she teaches,
- Whether Maine has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being certified under state regulations because of special circumstances,
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and if so, the subject of the degrees,
- Whether any educational technicians provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please make the request in writing to Fort Street School's principal, Heidi Garrison.

Our teachers are committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with his or her teacher on a regular basis. By partnering, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

Heidi Garrison
Principal, Fort Street School