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Dear Parent,

Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School receives Title I funding and is included under the regulations of the "Every Student Succeeds Act" (ESSA) that was signed into law by President Obama on December 10, 2015.

ESSA requires:

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

Under ESSA, parents have a 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 about your children's classroom teachers or paraprofessionals:

- Whether Pennsylvania has licensed the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- 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 advance degrees, and if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Also under ESSA, parents have the right to know of any standardized assessments conducted at the school. At Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School, we annually hold the PSSA (ELA and Math: Grades 3-8, Science: Grades 4&8). Parents have the right to "opt out" of these assessments for their student by contacting the school and following the proper procedures.

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Terry A. Lang, CEO

If you would like to receive specific information about your child's teacher or paraprofessional, please contact the CEO Terry Lang, at 814-520-6468.

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

Sincerely,

Anthony Nicoletta
Title I Coordinator

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