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Dear Parent /Guardian,

Hiring high quality teachers is a priority at our school. Through federal law, you have the right to information about the professional qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals at our school. We wish to share that with you.

To be “highly qualified,” teachers must:

1. have a state teaching certificate or license
2. have a bachelor’s degree, AND
3. for “new”:
 - a. elementary teachers, pass The Praxis Test
 - b. Middle/senior high teachers, pass The Praxis Test or have major/coursework
4. for “not new” teachers, pass The Praxis Test: major/coursework, or state evaluation.

Below is a table that lists each teacher at our school

Teacher Name	Subject	Bachelor's and Advanced Degrees	Minors and other Certification	Years Teaching	Highly Qualified
Goetz, David	Superintendent	BS Mathematics; MS Education Administration	ESL, Driver Education, Phy Ed, 5-8 Math	11	Yes
Awender, Denise	Speech & Language	BS Speech/Language MS Speech Pathology		22	Yes
Bata, Alicia	Grade 1	BS Elem Ed	Kindergarten	13.5	Yes
Bata, Brandon	HS Principal	BS Math Ed		14	Yes
Bopp, Christine	Reading Interventionist	BS Elem Ed MS Adv. Prof. Ed.	Elem Music	23	Yes
Bruhn, Kalli	Special Education	MS Spec.Ed Strategist		1	Yes
Courtney, Lindsey	Special Education	BS Elem Ed MS Adv.Prof.Ed. MS Spec.Ed/Emotional Behavior Disorders	Kindergarten, Title 1 Math & Reading, Special Education	9	Yes
Delahoyde, Leigh	ESL	BS Elem ED MS Adv. Prof. Ed.	Title 1 Math & Reading, ELL, MS Math & English	10	Yes
Dethlefsen, Leslie	Spanish	BS Spanish MS Adv. Prof. Ed.	Psychology	26	Yes
Dobitz, Greg	Personalized Learning Instructional Coach	BS Elem Ed MS Adv. Prof. Ed.		16	Yes
Dobitz, Krista	K-12 Librarian	BS Science Ed MS Library Science		17	Yes
Franks, Jamie	K-6 Counselor	MS Guide/Counseling		5	Yes
Gebhardt, Kelli		BS Elem Ed MS Adv. Prof. Ed.	Early Childhood Ed	19	Yes
Gramlow, Virginia	HS Art Literacy Coach	BS Elem Ed BS Art	Elem. Read.	13	Yes
Haafke, Kalyn	English	BS Elem Ed MS Adv. Prof. Ed.	Communications: English, MS English, MS	6	Yes
Johnson, Katie	Kindergarten	BS Elem Ed	Kindergarten	3	Yes
Kelly, Vickie	Grade 4,5,6 Reading	BS Elem Ed MS Adv. Prof. Ed.	Early Childhood, Drivers' Ed., Gifted & Talented	32	Yes
Kourajian, Shaun	Phy Ed	BS Physical Education		1	Yes
Kramer, Rod	Grade 1	BS Elem Ed		14	Yes

Lien, Colt	5-6 Band, 7-12 Music	BS Music		1	Yes
Lynch, Alexandra	Grade 2	BS Elem Ed	Kindergarten	2	Yes
Lynch, Jordan	Grade 4, 5, & 6 Math	BS Elem Ed		5	Yes
McGuire, Jessica	Math	BS Elem Ed	5-8 Math	0	Yes
Meierotto, Kayla	Science	BS Elem Ed	MS, Kindergarten	5	Yes
Miller, Jeff	Social Studies	BS Social Studies/ Social Science MS Advanded Ed	Economics, Geography, Govt, Psychology, History, Phy Ed	7	Yes
Miller, Roxane	Grade 3	BS Elem Ed MS Adv. Prof. Ed.	Phy Ed	21	Yes
Paeper, Amy	Special Education	BS Spec. Ed/ID, AA, ERSE		29	Yes
Petersen, Emily	Grade 3	BS Elem Ed MS Adv. Prof. Ed.	Kindergarten	7	Yes
Peterson, Nolen	Social Studies	BS History/Pol Sci. MS Adv. Prof. Ed.	Geography, History, Government, Psychology, PE	18	Yes
Roberts, Becca	Grade 1	BS Elem Ed MS Adv. Prof. Ed.		6	Yes
Sagert, Shawn	Phy Ed & Health	BS Phy Ed & Health		17	Yes
Schall, Cory	Grade 4,5,6 Science	BS Elem Ed MS Adv. Prof. Ed.	Phy Ed	22	Yes
Schieler, Elizabeth	Math	BS Math		9	Yes
Schneider, Ryan	Math	BS Math		2	Yes
Sell, Anna	K-6 Principal	BS Elem Ed MS Ed Leadership	ELL, NDPTS, MS	30	Yes
Steiner, Tara	Basic Skills	BS Elem Ed MS Adv. Prof. Ed.	ELL	18	Yes
Strutz, Arthur	Science	BS Biology, MS Ed Administration	Chemistry, Earth Science	5	Yes
Taylor, Madison	Kindergarten	BS Elem Ed	Kindergarten	3	Yes
Warren, Kathy	Grade 4,5,6 Soc St	BS Elem Ed & Phy Ed MS Adv. Prof. Ed.		26.5	Yes
Wentworth, John	English	BS Communications: English		16	Yes
Woodstead, Grace	K-6 Music	BS Music		0	Yes

There are also state qualifications for paraprofessionals serving our school. Paraprofessionals or instructional teacher aides assist classroom teachers, Title I reading and math teachers, and special education teachers. They must have the equivalent of a two-year college degree or pass a state minimum qualifications test.

Name	Meets State Requirements
Rachael Hayenga	Yes
Deb Van De Venter	Yes
Jessica Peterkovic	Yes
Jolynn Hankel	Yes
Kylie Weber	Yes
Nicole Knodel	Yes
Paige Nelson	Yes
Randa Raatz	Yes
Sadie Klingenberg	Yes
Stephanie Garza	Yes
Ashley Hagen	Yes
Naomi Lawrence	Yes

If, at any time during the school year your child is taught by a teacher for four or more consecutive weeks (such as a long-term substitute teacher) who is not "highly qualified," you will receive timely notice from our school.

Please contact me anytime during the school year if you would like more information about teachers who are working with your children. We know school staff members shape the education environment at school. We are desirous of finding the best quality educators to work with your children to ensure that school is a place where they can succeed.

Sincerely,
Superintendent