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“Right to Know” Under ESSA Section 1112(e)

Dear Parents, Case Workers and other Persons in Parental Relation to our Youth:

Little Flower UFSD has received funding to support students under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Title I, Part A. Due to our acceptance of this funding, you have the right to know several important items regarding your child’s education.

1. The level of achievement of your child attained on each of the State academic assessments (3-8 ELA and Math, Grades 5 and 8 Science). Score reports are sent home to each parent whose child completes an assessment, and can also be obtained by contacting your child’s principal.
(ESSA Section 1112 (e)(1)(b)(i))
2. The professional qualifications of the classroom teachers and paraprofessionals who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask certain information about your child’s classroom teacher(s) and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child’s classroom teachers:
 - (a) Whether NYS Education Department has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
 - (b) Whether the NYS Education Department has decided the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under the state regulations because of special circumstances.
 - € The teacher’s college major and whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degree.
 - (d) Whether any paraprofessionals provide service to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.
 - € If your child has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher with limited State licensure or certification, the school must notify you.
(ESSA Section 1112 (e)(1)(A) & (e)(1)(B)(ii))
3. Information on State and Local Assessments entitles you to know:
 - a) the subject matter assessed;
 - b) the purpose of the assessment;
 - c) the source of the requirement to test, and if available;
 - d) the length of time expected and schedule of assessments, and;
 - e) time and format for disseminating results.
(ESSA Section 1112(e)(2)(B)(C))

Your child’s school will notify you of all testing your child will undergo during the school year. NYSED has developed a “What Parent’s Need to Know” document, available here: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/ei/2018/2018-handout-for-parents-3-8-tests.pdf>

Additional information on NYSED assessments can be found at www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment

4. State or Local Policy on Student Participation in Assessments entitles you to request information regarding and State or local educational policy regarding student participation in any assessment mandated by ESSA Section 1111(b)(2) and by the State or local education agencies. Upon request, response must include a policy, procedure, or parental right to opt the child out of such assessment, where applicable.
(ESSA Section 1112(e)(2)(A))
5. New York State ESSA-Funded Programs Complaint Procedures
If any stakeholder alleges that a local educational agency (LEA), grantee or NYSED has violated a law, rule, or regulation in the administration of any “covered Federal program” under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) identified below, a [complaint procedure](http://www.nysed.gov/essa/new-york-state-essa-funded-programs-complaint-procedures) is in place. The following link details the procedure:
<http://www.nysed.gov/essa/new-york-state-essa-funded-programs-complaint-procedures>

These procedures offer parents and other stakeholders a process to file complaints and allow for the timely resolution of such complaints. Complaints filed against a local entity such as a school district, charter school, or grantee will be reviewed by NYSED’s Office of ESSA-Funded Programs. Complaints filed against NYSED will be reviewed by NYSED’s legal counsel.

If you would like to receive this information, please call your child’s school principal at 631-929-4300.