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Parents,

Because Granger High School is a Title I school, there is a legal requirement to inform you of your right to know regarding the professional qualifications of your children's teachers. The teachers at Granger High School are professionals and all are educated in their field of expertise with a college degree. However, some do not fit the description of "Highly Qualified" as defined by law.

Our first group of teachers that fit this description are teachers that work with unique populations of students, including Youth in Custody and Special Education. These teachers have teaching licenses and are certified to work with special student populations from kindergarten to grade 12. But, because of the need for teachers to instruct in varying subjects required for graduation, it is quite difficult for them to be highly qualified in all areas. For this reason, they are considered "not highly qualified" in one or more of the many areas that they teach.

The next group of teachers that are considered to be not "Highly Qualified" are teachers that have chosen to work with populations whose English is their second language. Each of these teachers has a teaching license and is actively completing coursework to certify to work with students who do not fluently speak English. In this coursework, they learn specific strategies to work with students who struggle with the English language. These teachers are working towards an endorsement in English as a Second Language and provide excellent instruction to students who fall into that category.

Our final group of teachers who are considered "not highly qualified" have earned at least a bachelor's degree in a specific field and are teaching classes within that area of expertise. However, these teachers are missing some requirements pertaining to pedagogy and classroom instruction to be considered highly qualified in their teaching assignments. These teachers are completing the coursework necessary to be considered "Highly Qualified" in the future.

We send this letter out because you, as a parent, have a right to know this information. If you would like to know the professional qualifications of any teacher at Granger High, please contact any of the school administration who will gladly provide that information at 385-646-5320. Granger High School does not employ or allow ineffective teachers to teach in our classrooms whether or not they were highly qualified. We strongly support the teachers who work with your students on a daily basis.

Thank You,

Dr. David Dunn
Principal