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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Supporting voluntary integration through urban and suburban public schools in the East Metro Twin Cities area

The federal "No Child Left Behind" law requires schools that receive federal education funds under Title 1, Part A to provide information to parents about the professional qualifications of your child's teachers. You have the right to request and review this information, and it must be provided to you in a reasonable amount of time.

The information you may request includes the following:

- Inver Grove Heights Schools
- Mahtomedi Schools
- North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale Schools
- Roseville Area Schools
- Saint Paul Public Schools
- South St. Paul Schools
- South Washington County Schools
- Stillwater Area Schools
- West St. Paul Schools
- White Bear Lake Area Schools

- Has the teacher met state qualifications and licensing requirements for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction?
- Is the teacher providing instruction under emergency or another provisional status that means regular state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived?
- What college degree does the teacher have, as well as any other graduate degree or certification? In what academic subject area(s) were the degrees received?
- Are paraprofessionals providing instructional services to my child? If so, what are their qualifications?

The district is also required to inform you if your child has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet the federal definition of being "highly qualified". Highly qualified teachers are those who have met state qualifications and licensure requirements. If this is the case, you will be notified.

All teachers are required by the "No Child Left Behind" law to be highly qualified by the start of the 2005-2006 school year. One of the law's intentions is to improve student achievement by focusing on improvements in teacher quality. For additional information about the requirements for teacher quality, visit the U.S. Department of Education's Web site at www.ed.gov.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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