



## **CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION**

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

In accordance with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended, parents/guardians of students have the right to request specific information about professional qualifications of their children's classroom teachers. As the parent/guardian of a student in the Lakeland Central School District, you have the right to request the following information about your child's/children's teachers.

- If the teacher has met New York State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas he or she teaches;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which the State qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived;
- The teacher's college major;
- Whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degree(s); and
- If your child is provided services by an instructional aide or similar paraprofessional, the services provided to your child and the aide's or paraprofessional's qualifications (for Title I schools only; GWES, VCES, LCBMS, WPHS).

Requests for information about the qualifications of your child's/children's teacher(s) should be directed to your building principal in writing. All requests will be honored in a timely manner.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in your child/children's education.

Sincerely,

**Brendan Lyons, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent of Schools

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