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To: Brooke Mattapan Charter School Families
Subject: Notification to Parents of Teacher Qualifications -- Compliance with P.L. 107-110, Section 1111(h)(6)(A)

Dear Families,

The Federal *No Child Left Behind* Act of 2001 requires school districts that receive federal Title I funding to notify parents of their right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct their child. As a recipient of these funds, Edward W. Brooke Charter School will provide you with this information in a timely manner if you request it. Specifically, you have the right to request the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

According to the *No Child Left Behind* law, a "highly qualified" teacher is one who:

1. Has obtained a Bachelor's degree or higher;
2. Has obtained full State certification – in Massachusetts this means that the teacher has either a preliminary, initial or professional teaching license; **OR** has passed the required sections of the Massachusetts Test for Educational Licensure or M.T.E.L. (This second provision applies only to teachers in Massachusetts charter schools).
3. Has demonstrated competency in the core academic subject area(s) that he/she teaches.

At the Brooke Mattapan Charter School, 100% of our teachers have obtained a Bachelor's degree or higher, and 73% of our teachers are considered "highly qualified". This number will increase over the course of the year as teachers complete outstanding sections of the M.T.E.L. If you would like more information on the qualifications of any of your child's teachers, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Katie Megrian
Principal

Kimberly Bartlett
Director of Operations