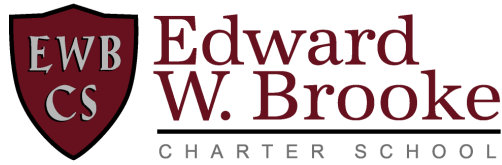


**EDWARD W.
BROOKE
CHARTER
SCHOOL**



To: Edward W. Brooke Charter School Families
Date: June 17, 2010
Subject: Notification to Parents of Teacher Qualifications -- Compliance with P.L. 107-110, Section 1111(h)(6)(A)

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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 time of our most recent submission to the Mass. Dept. of Ed. on the highly-qualified status of our teachers (November, 2008), 87.9% of the teachers of core academic subjects at EWBCS met those highly qualified standards. Since that time, ALL of our teachers have met that standard, meaning that 100% of our teachers are currently considered "highly qualified." If you would like more information on the qualifications of any of your child's teachers, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jon Clark

Kimberly Steadman

