

# **Title I Annual Disclosures**

## **2012 - 2013**

Title I is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools. North Star Central Elementary operates a Schoolwide Title I program. The purpose of a Schoolwide Title I program is to assist schools in providing a quality educational experience that enables all learners to meet state standards. Schoolwide Title I funds are used to increase the quality of learning time and to provide an enriched curriculum for all children in order to achieve the program goals. (To see our progress in meeting the student achievement goals established by the state, review our Annual Report Card at <http://paayp.emetric.net>.) Schools are required to include parental/guardian input in planning and implementing the Title I program as this type of communication and collaboration is critical to student success.

### **Notice of Homeless Education Program**

The federal "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001" (NCLB) includes a provision to make sure that homelessness does not cause children to be left behind in school. Homeless children should have access to the education and other services that they need to meet the same challenging state academic achievement standards to which all students are held.

The North Star School District is required to provide activities for and services to, homeless children, including preschool-age homeless children and youths, enabling them to enroll in, attend, and succeed in school or preschool programs.

The law requires all school districts to inform parents or guardians of their rights under this provision of NCLB. Specifically, it states that, pending resolution of a dispute about school placement, a school district must immediately enroll a homeless student in the student's school of origin or other school selected on the basis of the child's best interest and provide a written explanation of the rights of appeal to the parent or guardian of the student.

### **Right to Request Teacher Qualifications**

On January 8, 2002, President Bush signed into law the "No Child Left Behind Act" (NCLB). This law is designed to improve student achievement by increasing federal involvement in public education both at the state and local level. Under NCLB, parents/guardians have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teachers who instruct their child/children. Parents/guardians of a North Star student have the right to ask for the following information about each of their child's/children's classroom teachers and to receive that information in a timely manner:

- Whether the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether a teacher is teaching under an emergency permit or other provisional status through which state-licensing criteria has been waived.
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any instructional aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

### **Title I Complaint or Concern Procedure**

Parents/guardians who have a complaint or concern about the Title I services their child is receiving should observe the following procedure:

- 1) Contact the person that you have a complaint about to discuss both sides of the story.
- 2) If the problem remains, contact the building principal.
- 3) If it is still unresolved, contact the superintendent.
- 4) Finally, if unresolved, ask the superintendent to place the complaint on the following month's Board of Education agenda for further discussion.

If you have any questions regarding Title I, contact Anna M. Kozuch, Federal Programs/Grants Coordinator, at 814-629-1112.