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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Title 1 is the largest federal aid program for public schools in the United States. Today, Title 1 is part of the federal *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* but originated from the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)* as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's "War on Poverty". This landmark educational bill, passed during Johnson's "Great Society", changed the funding of school districts from a local level to a national responsibility. Title 1 provides federal funds to schools with high percentages of low-income students. These funds pay for extra educational services to help at risk students achieve and succeed regardless of any disadvantages through no fault of their own.

Over half of public schools nationwide receive Title 1 funds, including all six of the elementary schools in Meade County. These funds are used in a variety of ways, such as providing additional supplemental resources for all children, hiring additional staff to support reading and math instruction, and for innovative activities that provide opportunities for parents to be more involved in their child's education.

If you are interested in more information about the Federal Title 1 program, please feel free to contact your child's school. You may wish to learn more about:

1. How Title 1 funds are being used in your child's school;
2. What parent involvement activities are available;
3. Whether the teacher has met the state requirements for licensure and certification for the grade levels and subject matters in which the teacher provides instruction;
4. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
5. The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree;
6. Whether your child is provided services by paraeducators, and if so, their qualifications;
7. What assessments your child will be taking throughout the school year that are required by Federal, state, or local policies.

If you would like to request this information, please contact your child's school with your request along with your contact information so we can get you the answers to your questions. We are pleased to report that all of our teachers meet all of the requirements for full certification. Thank you for your interest and involvement in your child's education. Together we are providing rich and meaningful learning opportunities for our students!

Sincerely,

Bill Adams  
Associate Superintendent  
Meade County Schools