

*Leland School District
408 East Fourth Street
Leland, MS 38756
Rev. Jesse King, Superintendent*

September 17, 2020

TO: Parents/Guardians
FROM: Rev. Jesse King, Superintendent
RE: Parents Right to Review Teacher Qualifications

I am forwarding you this memorandum to explain to you your rights as parents and guardians to certain information about the qualifications of certified and non-certified instructional staff working with your child in the Leland School District.

As a parent or legal guardian of a student in the Leland School District, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers and paraprofessionals who work with your child in the classroom. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers, and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner, if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's teacher:

- ▶ Whether the Mississippi State Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- ▶ Whether the Mississippi State Department of Education has decided that the teacher in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- ▶ The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and if so, the subject(s) of the degrees.
- ▶ Whether any teacher's aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child, and if they do, their qualifications.

You may contact Rev. Jesse King if you would like to receive any of this information. However, if you prefer, you may also contact the building administrator of your child's school. Contact may be made as follows:

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