



# HAMPDEN CHARTER SCHOOL OF SCIENCE WEST

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) defines new standards for teacher quality. Under ESEA, teachers must be licensed, have a bachelor's degree, and demonstrate subject matter knowledge, either through a state test or by majoring in the subject in college. ESEA standards apply to the subject matter taught by teachers: a teacher may be qualified to teach one subject but not another. With this in mind, we are doubling our efforts to make sure all teachers at our school are appropriately assigned to teach classes that reflect their degrees.

ESEA requires that parents/guardians of children enrolled in Title I schools be notified if their child has been taught for four consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet the federal standard.

Currently I am very proud to announce that all our teachers are highly qualified.

If you have any questions regarding these *teacher's* qualifications, please feel free to contact Tarkan Topcuoglu, at: 413 593 9090 ext: 200

Sincerely,

Tarkan Topcuoglu

Chief Executive Director