



October 10, 2022

## Title I Parent Notification Letter

Dear ALA Parents/Guardians,

The *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) was passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law on Dec. 10, 2015. ESSA replaces the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) and is the latest reauthorization of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* (ESEA).

ESSA requires each state, school district, and charter school to develop plans for all children to be taught by highly effective, certified teachers; this means the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level(s) and subject area(s) in which the teacher provides instruction. If at any time your child has been taught for four (4) consecutive weeks by a teacher(s) who is not certified, you will be notified.

The Accelerated Learning Academy is fortunate that Elizabeth Stanislav and Kiran Patel have agreed to substitute until we are able to hire a permanent science teacher at the ALA. These educators each have several years of teaching experience within Salt River Schools and all possess a bachelor's and/or master's degree. Ms. Stanislav and Mr. Patel currently teach earth science and biology. This plan is in continues to be in place during 2nd quarter, which ends on Friday, December 16th. Likewise, John Paul Jones, a current certified social studies teacher at the ALA, is covering physical education classes in the absence of a highly certified, PE teacher.

My staff and I will closely monitor the classes to ensure student progress. I am confident that quality instruction will continue for students taking science classes. If you have additional questions or concerns about your child's educational progress or teacher, you may contact me at 480-362-2132 or email me at [barbara.wilkinson@saltriverschools.org](mailto:barbara.wilkinson@saltriverschools.org).

Sincerely,

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