



December 20, 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 teach 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 possess a bachelor's and/or master's degree. Ms. Stanislav and Mr. Patel currently teach earth science and biology. This plan continues to be in place until the position is filled. Kelly Ellegard, a substitute teacher who has a background check in English Language Arts, has agreed to teach two sections of ELA third quarter while the vacant ELA position works on getting filled. John Jones, a current certified social studies teacher will continue to cover physical education classes. Lastly, site administration is working on a long term substitute placement following the resignation of our algebra and geometry teacher until a new math teacher is hired.

My staff and I will closely monitor the classes to ensure student progress. I am confident that quality instruction will continue for students taking these 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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