



Dear Old Colony Parents and Guardians,

Old Colony receives Federal funds that are allocated as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as amended in 2015. These funds are utilized to help meet the current educational needs of all students and to help ensure all students reach high academic standards. During the course of the school year we will continue to provide you with essential information about this law and its impact upon your student's education.

Old Colony's dedicated staff meet the mandates of excellence in their respective fields and they are committed to seeing their students achieve the appropriate learning expectations and goals. You have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your student's classroom teacher(s) or paraprofessional(s). If you request this information, the Old Colony School District will provide you with the following as soon as possible:

- a. *if the teacher has met the State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level and subjects in which they provide instruction;*
- b. *if state licensing requirements have been waived for the teacher under emergency or other provisional requirements;*
- c. *if the teacher is teaching in the field or discipline for which they are certified;*
- d. *if the teacher has met State-approved or State-recognized certification, licensing, registration or other comparable requirements that apply to the professional discipline in which the teacher is providing English language instruction to English learners and/or special education or related services to students with disabilities; and*
- e. *if your student is receiving Title I or Special Education services from paraprofessionals and if so, his/her qualifications.*

Our instructional staff, support teams and administration are committed to helping your student(s) develop the social, emotional, academic, critical thinking and technical skill set he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. This commitment includes the insurance that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals are highly skilled.

If you would like to request this information or if you have any questions about your student's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact Principal J. Michael Parker jmparker@oldcolony.info or Carmen Amaral, Academic Coordinator camaral@oldcolony.info.

