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TO: Clay County Schools Parents

FROM: Dr. Michelle Samples, Assistant Superintendent

SUBJECT: PARENTS RIGHT-TO-KNOW

DATE: August 23, 2023

Clay County Schools is looking forward to working with you and your child this school year. As a parent of a student in our school system, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. 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 classroom teachers:

- Whether the West Virginia Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the West Virginia Department of Education has decided that the teacher can teach 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 of the degrees.
- Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

Please notify your child's school principal or me if you would like to receive any of the abovementioned information. If at any time your child has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher not highly qualified, the school will notify you.

Clay County Schools is committed to providing the optimum learning environment for all students. Our schools value partnerships with families, which ensure every child experiences success.