

Vanlue Local Schools

301 South East Street

Vanlue, Ohio 45890

Dear Parent/Guardian:

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

Although NCLB was designed to make changes in teaching and learning in order to increase students' academic achievement, the Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) provision under NCLB was eliminated from the ESSA. Despite this fact, all educators in Ohio are required to hold the appropriate state certification/license for their given position.

Under ESSA, all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their rights to ask schools about the professional qualifications of their child's teachers and paraprofessionals. Our school receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you upon your request.

Ohio has some of the most qualified teachers in the nation, and we are extremely proud of the quality of our teaching staff at Vanlue Local School. In addition to having a college degree, every teacher continues learning through professional development activities and our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure their teaching skills remain at the highest level possible.

A second requirement of ESSA legislation is for our district to provide an annual meeting for the parents/guardians of all Title I students in order to review the program and discuss any changes. Title I is a program using federal funds to supplement the education of students in need of remedial services.

You are receiving this letter because your child has been selected to receive Title I services and support in reading this school year. Vanlue Local School will be offering a formal meeting each fall in order to review the program and discuss parental involvement. The meeting is typically held in October in the school's library. There will be more information to come as we get closer to that date.

You are invited to attend to learn more about the program and to give any input regarding our Title I program.

We encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with your child's teacher(s) on a regular basis. For more information on ESSA, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education's (USDE) website at www.ed.gov/essa. By partnering, we strive to provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

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