

Horace Mann Elementary School
902 Anamosa
Rapid City, SD 57701

Title I, Part A
Parents Right-To-Know: Timely Notice of Limited State Certification and Licensure

Sept. 15, 2022

Dear Parents,

The federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires schools that receive Title I, Part A funds to notify parents or legal guardians when their child has been taught for four (4) consecutive weeks by a teacher who has not met “applicable State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.” [ESSA Sec. 1112(e)(1)(b)(ii)]

Although, South Dakota has some of the most demanding certification requirements in the country, these requirements do not automatically mean that every teacher meets the highly qualified standard, even if they have been teaching for years or have been performing at high levels. Certain teachers, even outstanding veteran teachers, may need to take the time to comply with new expectations if they happen to change class assignments and do not have the new certification.

As of this writing, your child’s teacher Mrs. Pomai Richardson (Lindenberg), who teaches 2nd grade has

- not obtained full state certification in South Dakota
 - She will obtain the full certification by completing the required Indian Studies course. She will complete this course by May 2022.

If you have any questions regarding the qualifications of **Mrs. Richardson (Lindenthal)** please contact **Mrs. Kelly Gorman** at **605-394-1847**. For additional information about the federal highly qualified teacher requirements and South Dakota policies related to them please visit the South Dakota Department of Education website at <https://doe.sd.gov/title/>.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kelly Gorman