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Atkinson Elementary School Parents and Families,

As we embark on a new school year, we are filled with anticipation and enthusiasm for the successes that lie ahead for both your student and our educational community. We are thrilled to have your child here at Atkinson Elementary School! Our school is proud to be a Title I School, which means that we receive federal funding aimed at bolstering student learning outcomes. The allocation of these funds is determined by the percentage of students facing economic disadvantages. Historically, our enrollment has shown that more than 35% of our students fall into this category. The federal government calculates these percentages based on the number of students eligible for free and reduced-price lunch.

Consequently, it is of immense value to our school that every family that is eligible completes the free and reduced lunch form, regardless if their child doesn't partake in school meals. You can conveniently apply online at [lunchapplication.com](http://lunchapplication.com), and physical forms are available at the front office if needed.

We use our Title I funds in these capacities:

- To fund a STEM teacher;
- To fund an academic interventionist;
- To hire qualified tutors to facilitate instruction to small groups of students;
- To purchase educational materials and online subscriptions to support our curriculum;
- To expand the use of technology throughout our school;
- To provide professional development opportunities to our teachers.

In accordance with Title I regulations, we are committed to keeping parents informed about school activities. This encompasses sharing opportunities for parental engagement within the school community, as well as informing you of your rights as parents. Throughout the year, we organize a range of Parent Engagement initiatives that are carefully planned with input from our parents. These endeavors are designed to foster stronger connections between the school and families. We encourage you to stay attuned to announcements regarding these events—we would be delighted for you to participate!

Lastly, we take immense pride in our teaching staff, and we adhere to federal guidelines requiring transparency about their qualifications and education. You have the right to access the following information:

- Whether a teacher meets state qualifications for the subjects and grade levels they teach
- Whether a teacher instructs under provisional or emergency status that waives state qualifications
- Details about a teacher's earned baccalaureate degrees, including the field of study and additional certifications
- Information about paraprofessionals providing services to your child and their qualifications
- Whether your child has received four or more weeks of instruction from a non-highly qualified teacher

If you wish to request this information, kindly reach out to the school or contact Marsha, Director of Elementary Education and Title I, at 828-697-4755.

With sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark S. Page", is written over a thin horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mark S. Page, Principal