



UNIVERSAL CHARTER SCHOOLS
UNIVERSAL VARE STEM & Arts CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

On December 10, 2015 a new Federal education law was signed by the President. This law, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), requires schools that receive federal Title IA funding ensure that all teachers teaching in a program supported with Title IA funding must hold appropriate state certification and licensure requirements, including any requirements for certification obtained through alternative routes to certification.

The new law also requires us to notify parents if their child is being taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher in a Title I school or program who does not yet meet the definition of “appropriate state certification.”

This letter is to inform you that your child’s teacher is in the process of meeting these requirements, and we are providing him/her the support necessary for success.

Your child’s teacher is dedicated to the success of every child in the class. While report cards are an important measure of student success, it is not the only opportunity you have to access your child’s achievement and growth. As the year progresses please feel free to contact us and request additional information regarding your child’s progress.

I thank you for your continued support of your child’s education and encourage you to communicate with his or her teacher on a regular basis so that together we can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

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