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**Annual Parent Notice
Highly Qualified Status**

August 1, 2013

Dear Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s):

This notice is to inform you of the highly qualified status of our district's teachers and paraprofessionals.

The definition of "highly qualified" was established for teachers of core academic subjects, which include English, reading/language arts, math, science, foreign language, social studies, art, music, and drama. All teachers of core academic subjects must have met the federal requirements regarding the highly qualified status by the end of the 2005-2006 school year.

Our state has always been a leader in setting high standards for the licensing of teachers and our school district works hard to bring qualified, fully licensed teachers into our classrooms. *The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)* gives you the "right to know" about the qualifications of your child's teachers and paraprofessionals.

Currently, our records indicate the following percentage of our teachers of core academic subjects meet the definition for being "highly qualified":

- 100% percent teachers of core academic subjects in Title I and Non-Title I Schools in Houston County are highly qualified per ESEA.
- 100% percent of the paraprofessionals in Title I and Non-Title I Schools are highly qualified per ESEA.

We are confident in the ability of our schools' faculties to provide the highest level of instruction for all students. As always, we appreciate and encourage your continued involvement at school and support of your child's education.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Birdsong, Director of Title and Remedial Services, at the Houston County Board of Education, (478)988-6200 ext. 10396, or by e-mail at jennifer.birdsong@hcbe.net.

Sincerely,

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