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DeSoto Elementary School

January 24, 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian:

All educators in Florida are monitored to ensure they meet certification and training requirements as mandated by law. Per Florida Statute 1012.42, when a teacher is assigned teaching duties out of the field in which the teacher is certified, the parents of all students in the class shall be notified in writing.

Hillsborough County Public Schools is committed to providing quality instruction for all students and does so by employing the most qualified individuals to teach and support each student in the classroom. The district is assisting our teachers by developing an *Individual Professional Development Plan* to complete the requirements needed to become in-field.

In Title I schools, when a child is taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is non-state certified or state certified, but teaching out-of-field, the LEA must provide written notification to each parent/guardian in a timely manner. Information regarding the qualifications of your child's teacher and/or classroom paraprofessionals may be obtained upon request.

All of our teachers are certified to teach, although some of them are currently out-of-field and are working on additional areas of certification. You have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teachers or paraprofessionals who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's teachers and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner if you ask for it. If you would like more information, please contact the school at 813-276-5779.

The table below lists teachers who are currently out-of-field.

Sincerely,



Emily Tirelli  
 Principal

Teacher	Classes Taught Assignment(s)	Assignment Start Date	Certification(s) Held	Out-of-Field Area/Classes
Jonathan Ross	Physical Education	August 12, 2024	Business	Physical Education
Lynne McGovern	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	August 12, 2024	Elementary Education	ESOL
Mayelin Bernal	Kindergarten	August 12, 2024	ESE, ESOL & Reading Endorsed	Elementary Ed
Melanie Lynch	Second Grade	August 12, 2024	Elementary Education, Reading Endorsement	ESOL
Jimese Britt	VE	August 12, 2024	ESE	Elementary Ed