

**Beaufort County Schools
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Dear Parents,

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is designed to ensure that all children have opportunities to be successful in school and to obtain a quality education. As part of ESSA each state and school district must develop plans for all children to be taught by certified teachers. According to this law a certified teacher is one who is certified or licensed, holds a bachelor's degree, and has demonstrated knowledge and skills in the area he or she teaches. Also, the law requires parents to be informed when their children are not taught by a certified teacher.

We are fortunate that _____ has agreed to substitute for _____ for several weeks this fall. _____ is a college graduate and certified teacher. His/Her certification is for elementary education not early childhood education. I am confident that quality instruction will continue during _____'s absence for _____ leave.

If you have questions about this letter, please contact your child's principal _____, or me at the school district office. We welcome the opportunity to discuss ESSA with you and are confident your child will receive quality instruction during the time _____ teaches in your child's classroom.

Sincerely,

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