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Dear Parents,

This is to inform you that Jack Swigert Aerospace Academy currently offers a Schoolwide Title I Program. This notification is required by Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015. Title I is a federal program based upon income levels of families whose children attend these schools. The program ensures that students are equipped to meet high standards of academic performance. Schoolwide Title I resources support schools with a high percentage of low-income families, allowing services to be provided to any student in that school. Schoolwide Title I programs use funds to provide such interventions as before and/or after school instructional services, summer intervention programs, more instructional time and enrichment opportunities for students, and increased professional development for staff members. We believe that we can offer your child the best possible education by using this model in our school.

As a requirement of the law, our school will be holding an annual Title I parent meeting on to be determined. **You also have the right to request additional meetings on other dates and at other times.** Please contact the school office for additional information.

As a parent of a student at Jack Swigert Aerospace Academy, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher who instructs your child. This is a requirement under Section 1112 for all districts that receive Title I funds. Federal law allows you to request certain information about your student's classroom teacher. The law also requires the district to give you this information in a timely manner upon request. Listed below is the information about which you have the right to ask regarding each of your student's classroom teachers.

- Whether the teacher has met Colorado Department of Education (CDE) qualification and licensing criteria for the grades and subject s/he teaches;
- Whether CDE has decided that your student's teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances;
- Whether the teacher is teaching the subject in which his/her certification is held;
- Whether any teachers' aides or similar para-educators provide services to your child and their qualifications.

Please contact Beth Wheat, 520-2419 or elizabeth.wheat@d11.org if you would like to receive any of this information.

Federal law also allows you to opt your student out of state assessment testing. To receive information about this process, please contact the school office.

As a part of our Schoolwide Title I Program, we will also be offering you expanded opportunities to become involved in your child's educational program and school. We will offer **Parent and Family Engagement Activities** throughout the school year and encourage you to attend. We encourage you to visit our school, attend parent-teacher conferences, and communicate with your child's teacher and other school staff regarding any questions or concerns you may have. There is a great deal of information on parent involvement to access through the Colorado Parent Involvement Resource Center at <http://coparentcoalition.org/>.

Together we can make this an exceptionally rewarding and successful year for your child!

Sincerely,


Principal