

October 24, 2011

To: All Skykomish School District Families

From: Superintendent, Skykomish School District

Subject: Title I Program / Teacher Qualification Information

1. Background. For the past few years, our Skykomish School has participated in a schoolwide Title I program. Our eligibility for participation in this program is based on the fact that greater than 40% of our students receive either free or reduced price meals. This number has increased significantly this year - from 56% to 86%. Through Title I, which is essentially a Federal Grant program, our school receives monies to provide those students who need or desire them, with extra instruction and learning activities. Additionally, monies are available to provide their teachers and aides with additional professional development classes and workshops, and to offer our families with more opportunities to support our students' learning, both at school and at home. Currently, our After School and Summer School Programs are largely funded by Title I dollars, and both are open to all of our students, K-12.

2. Custodial Rights. One element of the Title I program is to inform all of our parents/guardians of your right to request information concerning the professional qualifications of our teachers and paraeducators. I have attached a letter explaining these rights. Another element is the parents/guardians' right to provide input into how our program is run. I would be glad to hear your ideas and comments at any time.

3. If you have any questions concerning this program, or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me at 360-677-2623 x 101 or mschmidt@skykomish.wednet.edu.

Sincerely,

Martin Schmidt
Superintendent