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Dear Parents,

The Huron School District is proud to provide your child the best possible educational experiences. To that end, we seek to employ the most qualified, competent, and caring professional and support staff to work with your child all day, every day of the school year.

All of our teachers graduated from colleges or universities that are accredited. Further, all of our teachers participate in a rigorous teacher evaluation program approved by the South Dakota Department of Education. All teachers are required to participate in annual professional development activities that include enhancing their teaching skills, course knowledge, and may include other topics such as child/adolescent development or classroom management skills.

Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, which was reauthorized in December of 2015 as the Every Student Succeeds Act, school districts are required to ensure that all teachers and paraprofessionals are state certified in the area they are employed to teach. The law also requires that we notify you if your child's teacher has not yet met this revised definition.

As of the date of this letter, your child's *insert subject* teacher, \_\_\_\_\_, has yet to complete every requirement of the State of South Dakota to be considered fully certified in the area he/she is teaching. He/She is, however, currently working to meet the requirements, and we have full confidence in her ability to teach effectively in the current assignment.

If you have any questions regarding the qualifications of \_\_\_\_\_, please feel free to contact me at 605-353-8660. For additional information about the federal Elementary or Secondary Education Act or any other public school-related matters, please visit the South Dakota Department of Education's Web site at [www.doe.sd.gov](http://www.doe.sd.gov).

Respectfully,

Jolene Konechne