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At Snowflake Unified School District, we are very proud of our teachers and feel they are ready for the 2019-2020 school year. SUSD must meet federal guidelines related to teacher qualifications as defined in Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). These guidelines allow you to learn more about your child's teacher. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Does the teacher meet state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching?
- If the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived?
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees does the teacher hold, including graduate certificates and additional degrees?
- Does your child receive help from a paraprofessional? (If so, qualification requirements may be requested).

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals are appropriately certified and skilled.

To assist you in acquiring this information we have developed a Certification Verification Request Form. This form is available at school offices. Certification information is also available on the district website at sUSD5.org under the teacher certification link. If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact your child's school administrator at 928-536-4156. Highland Primary ext. 7610 – Taylor Elementary ext. 7210 – Snowflake Intermediate ext. 7110 – Taylor Intermediate ext. 7411 – Snowflake Junior High – 7310 – Snowflake High School ext. 7510.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Owen", written over a horizontal line.

Jason Owen
Director – Federal Programs/Curriculum