## PEARL RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

135 West Crooked Hill Road Pearl River, New York 10965

## NOTICE TO PARENTS OF RIGHT TO RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

## Dear Parent/Guardian:

As the parent of a student attending the Pearl River School District, you have the right to receive, upon request of the District, certain information as authorized by Federal law regarding the professional qualifications of each of your child's classroom teacher(s) and teaching assistants(s). Upon the District's receipt of your request, we will provide you, in a timely manner, the information listed below:

- Whether the teacher has met New York State Education Department qualifications to be determined to be highly-qualified to teach the grade levels and subject areas he/she teachers.
- A listing of the teacher's college degrees, fields of study, and certifications.
- Whether your child is provided services by any teaching assistants and, if so, their qualifications.

If you wish to receive this information, please forward your request in writing to Diana Musich, Director of Human Resources and Community Services at the above address.

You may also visit the NYS Education Department's website to view the certification status of a teacher or teaching assistant, searching by name:

- Go to <u>www.nysed.gov</u>
- Click on Parents/Students
- Click on Certification Verification
- Enter Teacher's Last Name and First Name
- Click on Search
- Select Teacher
- Click on View Detail

Sincerely,

*Marco Pochintesta*Superintendent of Schools