Title I

Here are some important points to remember about Title I as you prepare your annual Title I overview for parents. A PowerPoint template is available for your use in your school’s shared drive.

* SLCSD calculates Title I funding based on the number of students who are eligible for ***free*** lunch, not reduced and free.
* Title I schools are able to use Title I money to upgrade the entire school program (known as a *schoolwide program*) or specifically to meet the needs of students below proficiency (known as a *targeted assistance program*). The school community determines the program to be implemented.
* Currently, all but one of our district’s Title I schools are using a schoolwide model; however, there is an option for a targeted assistance program. In general, there are many advantages to using a schoolwide model.
* Title I funds supplement, or provide extra support to, an already appropriate education. Title I does not supplant, or take the place of, the level of education each child receives without Title I monies.
* Title I has specific requirements about parent involvement.
* A specified amount of Title I monies distributed to each school must go towards parental involvement initiatives.
* Title I parent involvement starts with a parent involvement policy and a home/school compact. Parents are important contributors to the development of the home/school compact and the parent involvement policy.
* The central point of Title I parent involvement is that communication between the home and school should create a collaborative partnership.
* Title I provides much of the financial support needed to provide preschool programs at Title I schools.
* Title I provides much of the financial support needed to operate after school and summer school programs.

**Fall Communications**

* Parents should be informed that they have the right to view each of their child’s teacher’s qualifications. This statement can be included in a newsletter. (See example of statement in English and Spanish.)
* Parents should be informed if their child has a teacher that is not highly qualified. (See example of the letter which is also translated into multiple languages.)
* Parents should be informed that their school has a schoolwide Title I program as well as the requirements that accompany the program. This information must be shared at an annual meeting held at a convenient time for parents. The school needs to offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. Information must be provided in several formats so that all parents receive it. We suggest you share it:

1) at a meeting during Back-to-School Night,

2) during your first SCC and the next parent meeting outside of SCC such as

Second Cup of Coffee,

3) by sending it home in print (See example of the information to send home

which is also translated into multiple languages.)