4-Week Rule Letter

Dear Parent or Guardian,

As a charter school, Vista has the ability to employ educators from a wide variety of backgrounds, including but not limited to teachers from out-of-state, teachers with a lapsed Colorado certificate, persons with several years of successful teaching experience in a setting not requiring a license, as well as persons with business or professional experience. We believe that this flexibility in being able to employ educators from more diverse backgrounds yields greater success in the classroom and school environment.

On December 10, 2015, President Obama signed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) into law. The law states that any school that receives funds for educationally disadvantaged students (Title I funds) must inform parents if their child is assigned a teacher for **four** or more consecutive weeks who is has not met applicable State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which they have been assigned to teach.

While your child's teacher does not hold a Colorado teacher's license, he/she holds a bachelor's degree or higher and Vista Charter School has verified that your child's teacher meets the Colorado criteria for your child's grade level and subject area.

If you have any questions regarding (*teacher's name*) qualifications, please feel free to contact Robi Wells-Parker at rwells@vistacharter.org

For additional information about the requirements for teacher qualifications under the ESSA, please visit the Colorado Department of Education's website at:
http://www.cde.state.co.us/fedprograms/tii/a_hqt