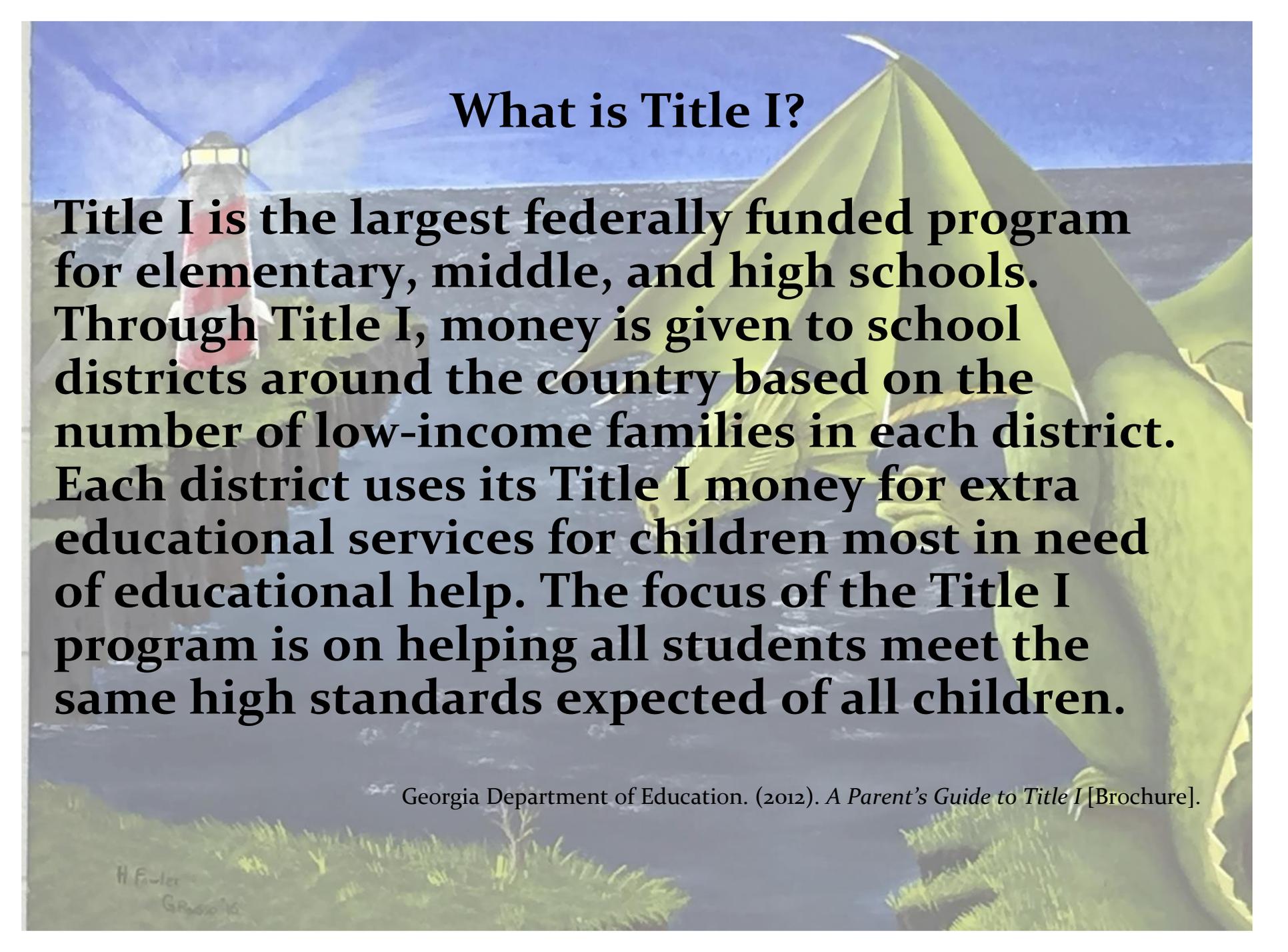




**Pickens County Middle School
Title I Annual Parent Meeting
October 10, 2017
9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Room 132**

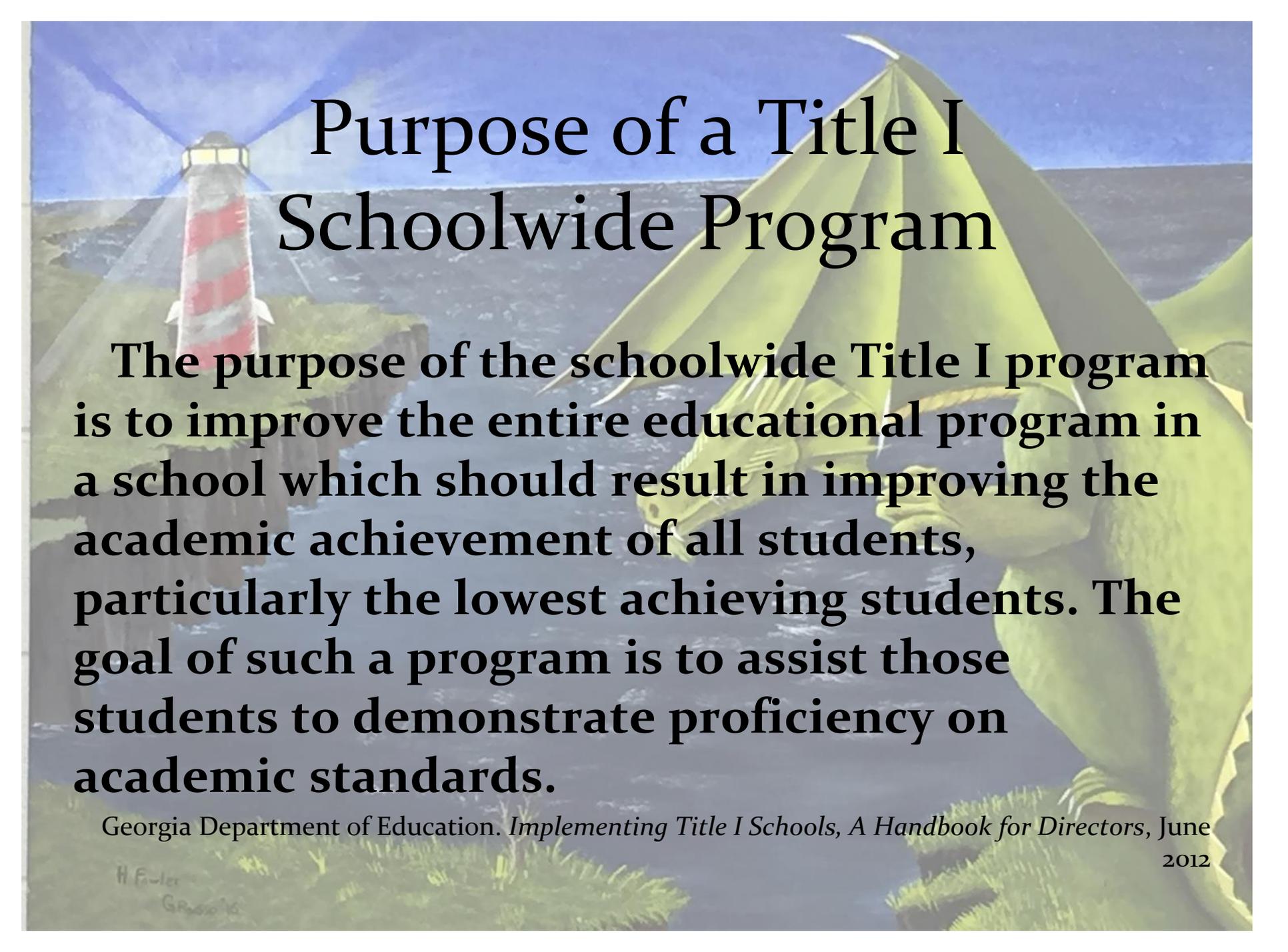
**Welcome!
Please sign in!**

A lighthouse on a rocky island with a large green flag flying in the foreground. The lighthouse is red and white with a yellow light. The flag is green and yellow. The background is a blue sky and sea.

What is Title I?

Title I is the largest federally funded program for elementary, middle, and high schools. Through Title I, money is given to school districts around the country based on the number of low-income families in each district. Each district uses its Title I money for extra educational services for children most in need of educational help. The focus of the Title I program is on helping all students meet the same high standards expected of all children.

Georgia Department of Education. (2012). *A Parent's Guide to Title I* [Brochure].

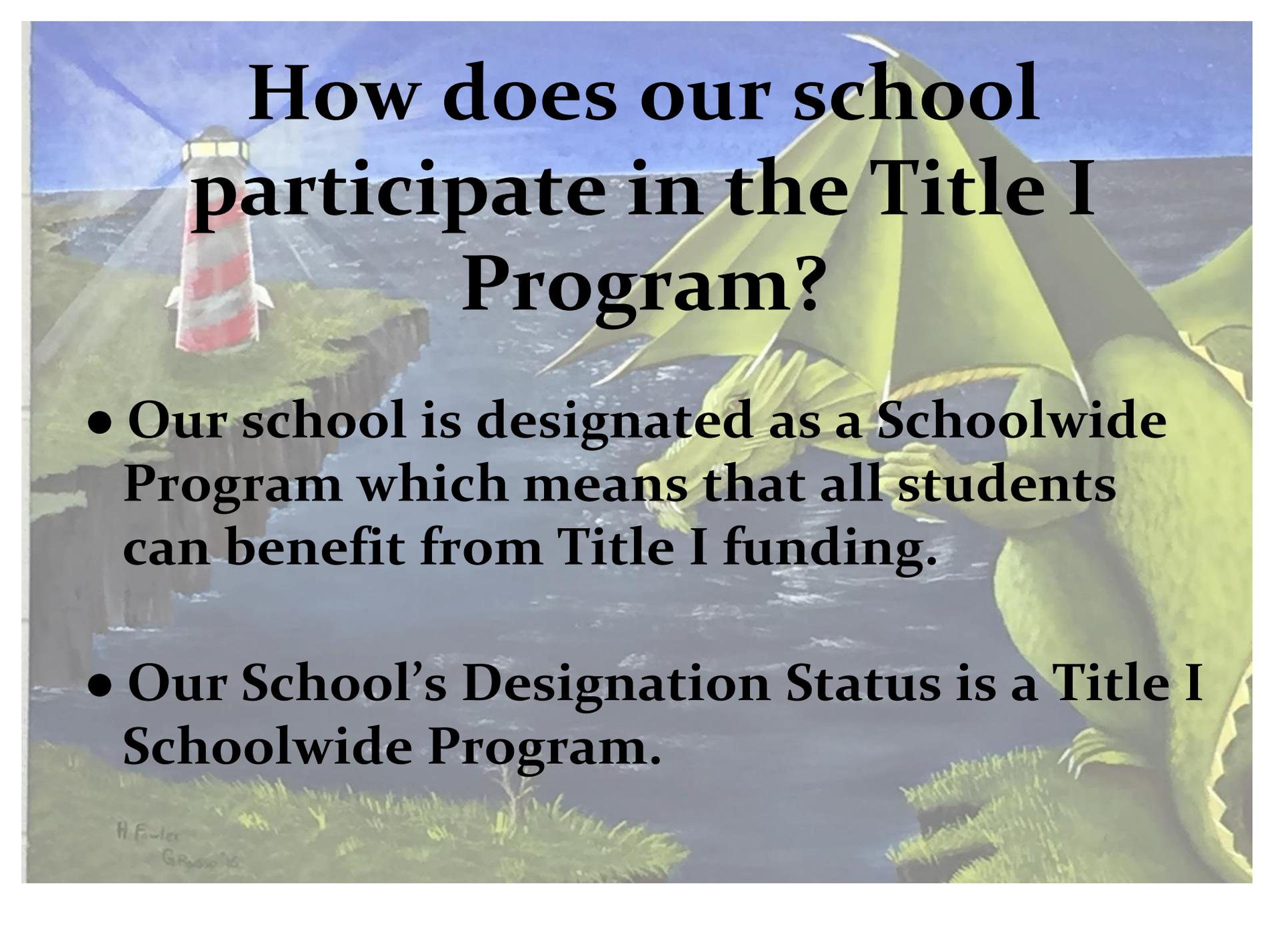


Purpose of a Title I Schoolwide Program

The purpose of the schoolwide Title I program is to improve the entire educational program in a school which should result in improving the academic achievement of all students, particularly the lowest achieving students. The goal of such a program is to assist those students to demonstrate proficiency on academic standards.

Georgia Department of Education. *Implementing Title I Schools, A Handbook for Directors*, June 2012

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How does our school participate in the Title I Program?

- Our school is designated as a Schoolwide Program which means that all students can benefit from Title I funding.
- Our School's Designation Status is a Title I Schoolwide Program.

Pickens County Middle School Schoolwide Program

Our school improvement goals are to:

- Increase the percentage of students scoring at Levels 3 and 4 on the Georgia Milestones in all core content areas (Math, ELA, Science and Social Studies).
- Increase parent and community engagement.

What programs/supports are in place to help my child?

- Before and after school tutoring in all contents
- IXL web based program for all content areas for use in school and at home
- Reading and Math interventions provided by PCMS teachers during advisement Tuesday through Thursday for students who are significantly below grade level

How does our school spend Title I money?

Pickens County Middle School spends Title I funds on resources designed to improve student achievement. These resources include:

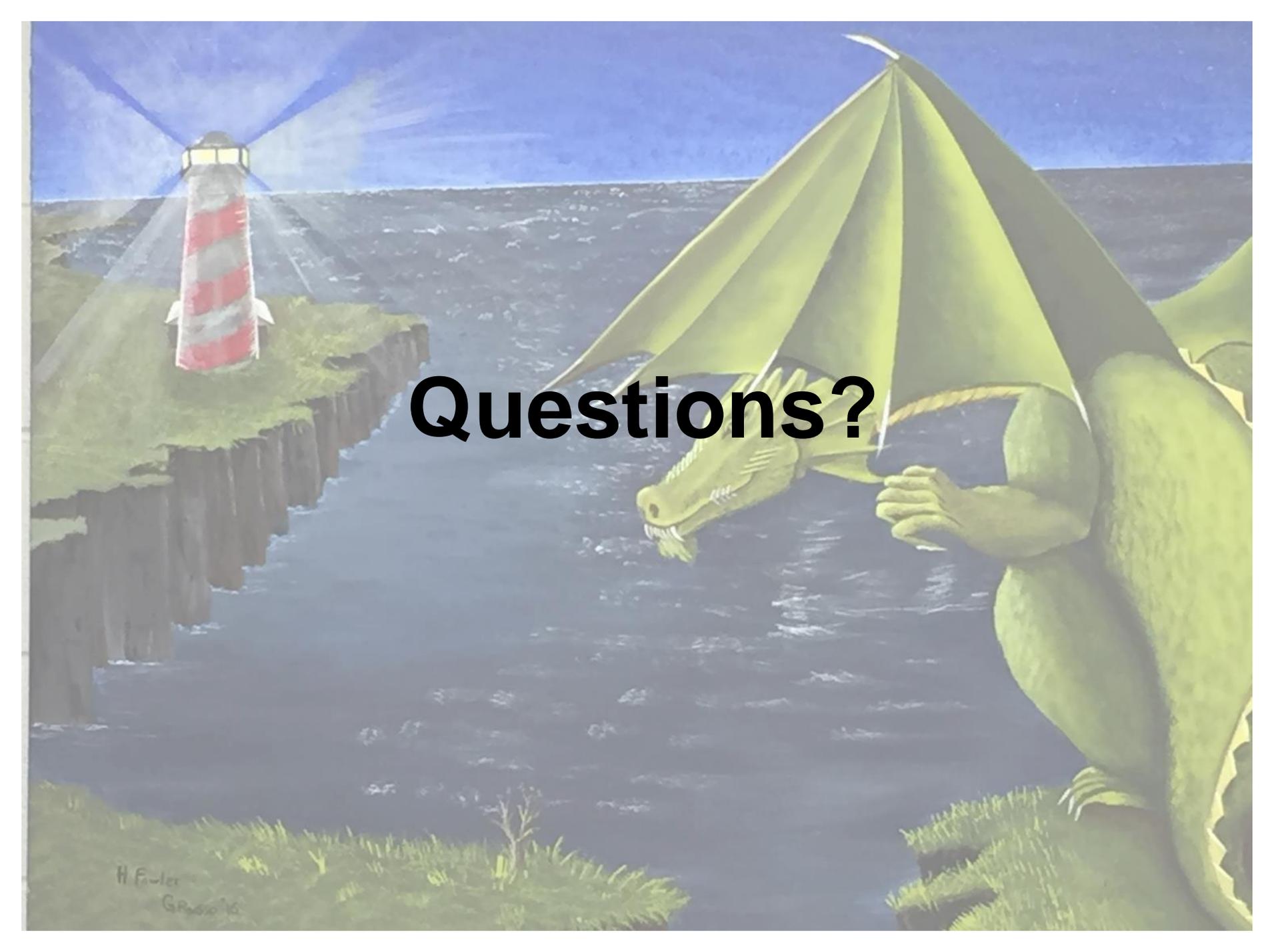
- **Personnel - an academic coach**
- **Tutoring -- offered both mornings and afternoons**
- **IXL for all content areas to be used at school and at home**
- **Parental involvement activities such as workshops and training**
- **Print and electronic materials that address improving student achievement**

What standards and curriculum does our school use?

- Georgia Standards of Excellence are used to define the standards taught in grades 6-8 English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.
- Novel studies are used frequently in ELA
- Writing across all content areas
- Increased focus on cross-curricular instruction
- Increased focus on how standards relate to the real world (problem-based, project-based, inquiry and STEM)

What tests will my child be taking?

- Grade 6 -- Georgia Milestones in ELA and Math
- Grade 7 -- Georgia Milestones in ELA and Math
- Grade 8 -- Georgia Milestones in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies



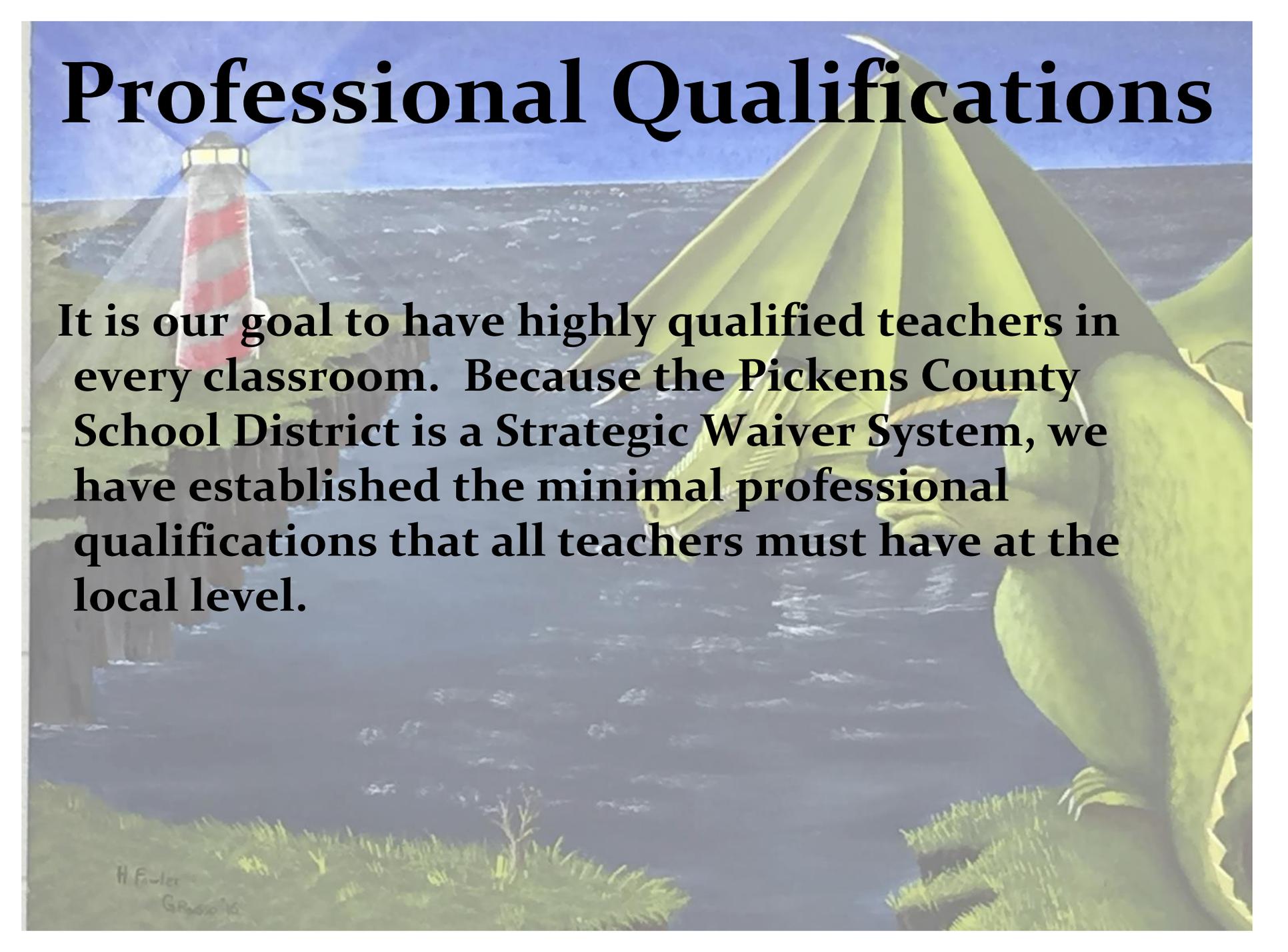
Questions?

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What is required by law for parent involvement?

- Pickens County Schools is required to have a district Parent Involvement Plan that addresses the requirements under ESSA and building parent and staff capacity
- Pickens County Middle School is required to have a school Parent Involvement Policy that addresses specific parent and family engagement programming for our school
- Pickens County Middle School is required to have a School-Parent Compact that includes ways that the school, parents, and students can help improve student achievement.

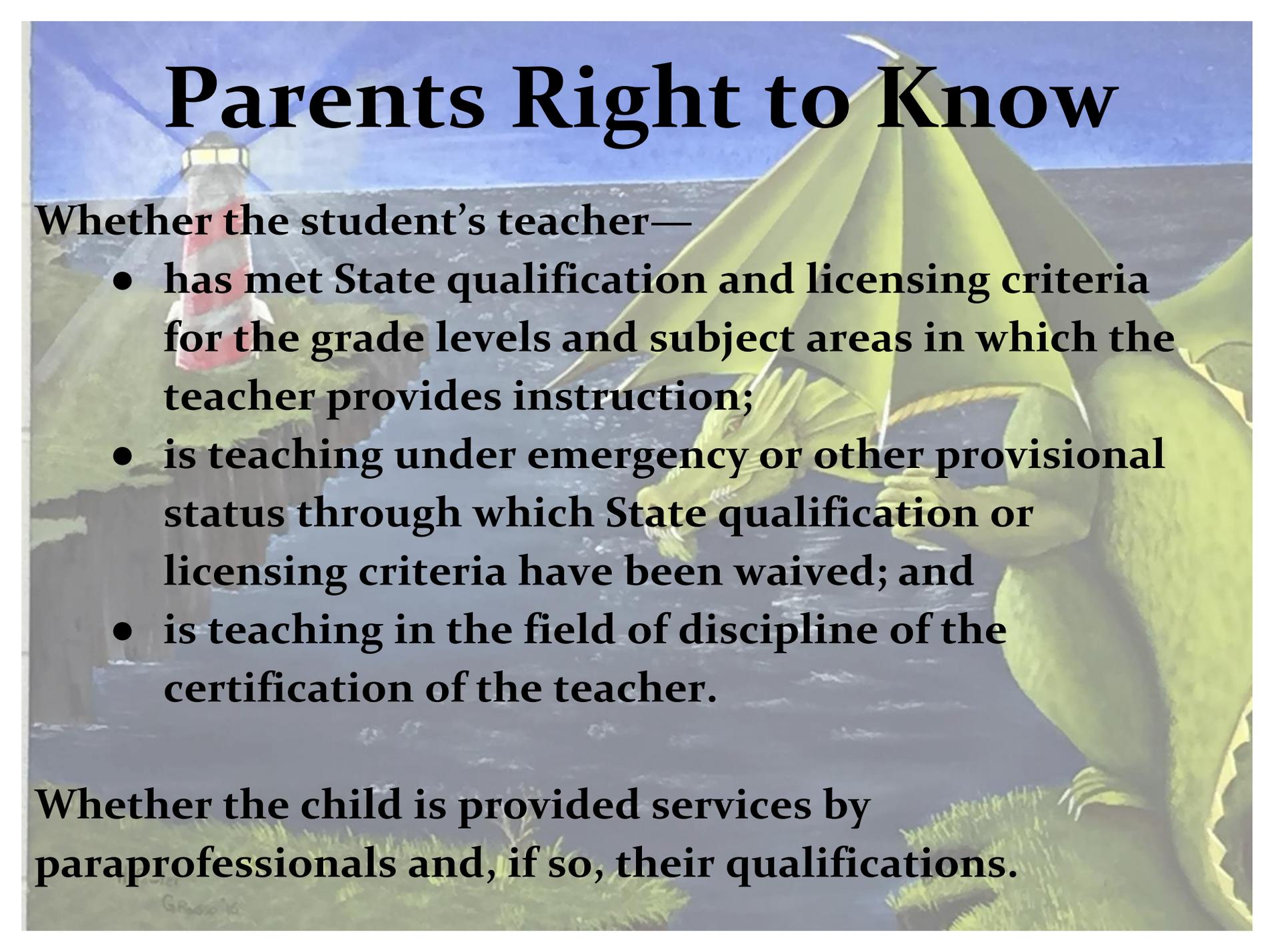
Professional Qualifications

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It is our goal to have highly qualified teachers in every classroom. Because the Pickens County School District is a Strategic Waiver System, we have established the minimal professional qualifications that all teachers must have at the local level.

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Parents Right to Know



Whether the student's teacher—

- has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and
- is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.

Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

How is Title I Parent Involvement money spent?

- Professional learning for the Parent Involvement Coordinator
- State Parent Engagement Conference registration fee and travel expenses for one parent and one school employee to attend conference

What opportunities does the school provide for parent involvement?

- Quarterly newsletters with tips that are related to improving your child's academic achievement
- Volunteer opportunities to help in the school
- Curriculum Night
- Band, chorus and drama performances
- Athletic events
- Parent-teacher conferences
- Frequent updates on your child's academic progress
- Opportunities for parent input about school programs through surveys
- School Advisory Council and PTSA participation

How responsive will the school be to my questions when staff is contacted?

- Staff members can be contacted through email, phone calls, and scheduled conferences.
- Messages left for staff members should be returned within 24 hours.
- Each teacher's email address is provided on our school website.
- If you have any questions about this meeting, please contact Pennie Fowler, Pickens County Middle School Principal, at 706-253-1830 or penniefowler@pickenscountyschools.org

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Your involvement is key to your child's success!

- You are your child's first teacher.**
- You have the ability to influence your child's education more than any teacher or school.**
- You and the school are a team.**

We welcome regular communication and parent involvement in the learning process!



**Thank you for
joining us today!**

**Please take a moment to
complete a survey before
you leave.**



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