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## **Title I –Parents Right to Know**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act is our country's most important federal education law. In 2001 this law was reauthorized and is now called the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). NCLB was designed to make changes in teaching and learning that will help increase academic achievement in our schools.

The law requires that all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child's teachers. Our district receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information at your request.

We believe that nothing is more important to your child's education than having a well-prepared and highly qualified teacher. The law requires that all teachers must meet a specific legal definition of "highly qualified" in order to teach in schools that receive Title I funding.

The federal definition of a Highly Qualified Teacher has three parts. It states that teachers must have the following:

- A four-year college degree;
- A regular teaching certificate/license; and
- Proof of his/her knowledge in the subject he/she teaches

New Jersey has some of the most qualified teachers in the country, and we are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff in the Little Egg Harbor Township School District. A highly qualified teacher knows what to teach, how to teach, and has a full understanding of the subject matter being taught.

Many of our teachers also have advanced degrees in their field. Additionally, every teacher continues learning through professional development activities and our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure that their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with your child's teachers on a regular basis. For more information on NCLB, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education web site at [www.ed.gov/nclb](http://www.ed.gov/nclb). By working together, families and educators can provide the best education possible.

Sincerely,

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