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Title I – Parents’ Right-to-Know

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was passed by the U.S. Congress in 2014 and signed into law on December 10, 2015. The *ESSA* replaces the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)* and is the latest reauthorization of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*.

Under the *ESSA*, all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the professional qualifications of their child’s teachers and paraprofessionals. The law requires that all teachers who teach in core content areas must meet a specific legal definition of “highly qualified” in order to teach in schools that receive Title I funding. Our school receives Title I funding, and we are happy to share this information with you at your request. The legal definition of a “highly qualified teacher” has three parts. It states that the teacher must have the following:

1. A four-year college degree
2. A regular teaching certificate/license
3. Proof of his/her knowledge in the subject they teach

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 Sayreville School District. All our regular teachers have college degrees and many have advanced degrees. In addition, every teacher continues learning through professional development activities and our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

I encourage you to support your child’s education and communicate with your child’s teacher(s) on a regular basis. For more information on *ESSA*, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education’s (USDE) website at: <http://www.ed.gov/essa>.

By partnering, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

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