



GLOUCESTER COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICALSCHOOL DISTRICT

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Michael C. Dicken
Superintendent

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* was passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law on December 10, 2015. The *ESSA* replaced the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)* and is the latest reauthorization of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*. The Office of Supplemental Educational Programs has granted Gloucester County Vocational-Technical School approval to operate a Title I schoolwide program in the 2023-2024 school year.

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. All of our 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.

The policy states, at least once annually, a public meeting shall be held for the express purpose of informing parents/guardians of the programs and activities provided with Title I funds. There will be two scheduled meetings during the SY2023-24 at 6:00 PM via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, and Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

Review the ELA and mathematics enrichment opportunities listed on the bottom of this letter.

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>.

Kindly, electronically sign the online Title I School-Parent Compact acknowledging that you have read the provisions as required under Title I, which can be found on our website by clicking on the following link:

Title I School-Parent Compact Form. Our Schoolwide *ESSA* information can be reviewed on our website by clicking on the following link: Schoolwide ESSA Information. If you do not have internet access, please contact the main office at 856-468-1445 extension 2502 to request a copy.

Respectfully,

Michael Dicken
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GCIT will offer daytime, after school and summer support sessions for the SY2023-24 by highly qualified Title I English Language Arts and Mathematics teachers:

| Daytime | Flexible Periods |
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| After School | September 11, 2023- June 2024/Monday-Thursday/ 2:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. / GCIT Media Center |
| Summer | July 15, 2024 - August 15, 2024/ Monday-Thursday/ 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m./ GCIT Media Center |

Students have the flexibility to attend any portion of these sessions to strengthen their literacy and/or mathematics skills in order to become college and career ready. If you have any questions, please feel free to email one of the following Title I English Language Arts (ELA) and/or Mathematics teachers:

ELA

Ms. Jessica Hill jhill@gcecnj.org
Ms. Kelsey Bagelmann kbagelmann@gcecnj.org
Mr. John Okoniewski jokoniewski@gcecnj.org

Mathematics

Ms. Danielle Mendel dmendel@gcecnj.org
Ms. Wendy Griffin wgriffin@gcecnj.org
Ms. Samantha Greenidge sgreenidge@gcecnj.org
Ms. Gina Palo gpalo@gcecnj.org