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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law on December 10, 2015. ESSA replaces the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and is the latest reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

The Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) provision under NCLB which was designed to make changes in teaching and learning to increase students' academic achievement was eliminated from ESSA. However, all teachers in the State of New York are still required to hold the appropriate state certificate/license for their subject areas.

Under ESSA provisions, 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. Our schools receive Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you upon your request.

All our regular teachers have college degrees and are qualified to teach in their assigned subject areas. In addition, every teacher continues learning through professional development activities and our teachers are evaluated every year to make sure their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level. We will provide you with timely information in the event that your child has been taught by a teacher who does not meet New York State certification or licensure requirements for the grade level or assigned subject area for four or more consecutive weeks. 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,

Superintendent of Schools/Designee