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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 2026-2027 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 that, 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 SY2026-27 at 6:00 PM via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, September 17, 2026, and Wednesday, February 3, 2027.

Review the ELA and mathematics enrichment opportunities listed at the end 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.

GCIT will offer daytime, after-school, and summer support sessions for the SY2026-2027 by highly qualified Title I English Language Arts and Mathematics teachers:

Daytime	Flexible Periods
After School	September 21, 2026–June 14, 2027/Monday–Thursday/2:50 p.m.–4:30 p.m./GCIT Media Center
Summer	July 5, 2027 – August 5, 2027/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 contact Steffany DiCarlantonio at sdicarlantonio@gcecnj.org, or 856-468-1445 ext. 2602.

Respectfully,



Dr. Gina Mateka
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