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Title 1 Parents' Right-to-Know

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* replaces the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)* and is the latest reauthorization of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*.

Although *NCLB* was designed to make changes in teaching and learning to increase students' academic achievement, the Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) provision under *NCLB* was eliminated from the *ESSA*. Despite this, all educators in New Jersey still are required to hold the appropriate state certification/license for their given position.

Under the *ESSA*, all schools receiving Title 1 funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the professional qualifications of their child's teachers and paraprofessionals. Our school receives Title 1 funding and we are happy to share this information with you upon request.

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 Washington Borough 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 as per state regulations to ensure their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

For more information on *ESSA*, and the role of the parents, please visit the United States Department of Education (USDE) website at <http://www.ed.gov/essa>.

Sincerely,

Frank Esposito
Superintendent of Schools