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Title I – Parent's Right to Know

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act was reauthorized in 2001 and is now called the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). The NCLB law requires that all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child's teachers. Our school receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you at your request.

We believe that nothing is more important to your child's education at school than having a well-prepared and highly qualified teacher. The law requires that all teachers must meet a specific legal definition of "highly qualified" in order to teach in schools that receive Title I Funding. 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 he/she teaches.

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 Mainland Regional High School District. All of our regular teachers have college degrees and many have advanced degrees. The state of New Jersey has always required a teaching certificate/license for all teachers. In addition, every teacher continues learning through professional development activities and our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure that their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

As of this date all of our teachers meet this legal definition of highly qualified. We are also confident that each teacher knows what to teach, how to teach, and has a full understanding of the subject matter being taught. Every teacher in our school is dedicated to teaching your child.

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 NCLB, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of education web site at <http://www.ed.gov/nclb>. By partnering, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

Mark Marrone
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