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Title I – Parents’ Right-to-Know

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

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 in order to increase students’ academic achievement, the Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) provision under NCLB was eliminated from the ESSA. Despite this fact, all educators in New Jersey still are required to hold the appropriate state certificate/license for their given position.

The following information may be requested:

- Whether the student’s teacher....
  - ★ has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
  - ★ is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and
  - ★ is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.

- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

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. Our school receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you upon your request.

If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher and/or paraprofessional qualifications, please contact Human Resources at hr@brickeducation.org.

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,

Chaleeta N. Hines
Chief School Administrator