



Marion P. Thomas Charter School

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Title I – Parents' Right-to-Know

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The 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).

Although NCLB was designed to improve teaching and learning, the Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) provision under NCLB was eliminated from ESSA. However, all New Jersey educators are still required to hold the appropriate state certification/licensure for their respective positions.

Under ESSA, all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to inquire about the professional qualifications of the teachers and paraprofessionals who service their children. Our school receives Title I 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 our teaching staff here at Marion P. Thomas Charter School. All of our classroom teachers have college and/or advanced degrees. In addition, teachers consistently engage in professional development and are evaluated frequently to ensure teaching and learning occurs at the highest levels.

We encourage your collaboration as a means to best support your child's education. 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>.

Sincerely,


Mrs. Angela Mincy
Superintendent of Schools