



Little Falls Township Public Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* was 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.

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. Your child's school receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you upon your 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 Little Falls School District. Every teacher has a college degree 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 that their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

We encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with your child's teacher(s) on a regular basis. You can also access our district's Title I – District-Wide Parental Involvement Policy 2415.04 [here](#). For more information on *ESSA*, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education's website at <http://www.ed.gov/essa>.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracey Marinelli".

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