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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. Our 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 each of our schools. 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 to make sure their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

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>.

Sincerely,

Sarah Bowman

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Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction

Entrance Criteria

Date	Reading	Date	Math
June, Nov, Jan	Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark	June	Big Ideas Assessment
All year	Work Samples	All year	Work Samples
June, Nov, Jan	Teacher Recommendation	June, Nov, Jan	Teacher Recommendation
June, Nov, Jan	Reading Unit Benchmarks		

Exit Criteria

- Above the Minimum Level of Proficiency on the Composite Measure for BSIP/Title 1 eligibility