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Dear Parent:

On December 10, 2015 the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* was signed into law by President Obama. The ESSA is the latest reauthorization of the 1965 *Elementary and Secondary Act*, and replaced the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)* of 2001. The reauthorized law sets high standards and contains policies that will help prepare all students for success in college and future careers. Schools in New Jersey will spend the 2016-2017 school year transitioning from the NCLB to the ESSA laws and requirements.

Mandated by law, parents of students in a federally funded school may request certain information about the professional qualifications of their child's teachers and paraprofessionals. As your child's parent you have the "right to know" about your child's teacher and/or the paraprofessional that interact with your child on a daily basis. Our schools receive federal funding, and we are happy to share this information with you.

We believe that nothing is more important to your child's education at school than having a well-prepared and highly trained teacher. A highly trained teacher knows what to teach and how to teach, has a full understanding of the subject matter being taught, and knowledge of child development so that they know what is right for children. Every teacher in our school district is fully qualified and dedicated to teaching your child.

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 Delran Township 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 his or her own 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.

I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with his or her teacher on a regular basis. By partnering together – families and educators – we can provide your child with the best education possible. Please let me know if you have any questions, I will be happy to assist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Brotschul".

Dr. Brian Brotschul
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