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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Every Student Succeeds Act is one of our country's most important federal education laws. This law increases academic achievement in our schools through not only supplemental funding, but also extended resources.

The law requires that all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child's teachers. Our school district receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you at your request.

We believe that nothing is more important to your child's education at school than having a well prepared and highly qualified teacher. The law requires that all teachers must meet specific legal definition of "highly qualified" in order to teach in schools that receive Title I funding. The legal definition of a "highly qualified teacher" has three parts:

1. A four year college degree
2. A regular teaching certificate/license
3. Proof of his/her knowledge in the subject he/she teaches

New Jersey has some of the most qualified teachers in the country and we are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff at South Amboy Elementary School. All of our 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 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.

A highly qualified teacher knows what to teach, how to teach, and has a full understanding of the subject matter being taught. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Sean Dunphy  
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