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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As in previous years, we are sending a letter home explaining the federal law that requires teachers to be, or become, highly qualified in the subjects they teach. That law, called the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), has been designed to help your child achieve more in school. The law states that all teachers who teach in core content areas must meet a specific, legal definition of "highly qualified" in order to teach in schools that receive Title I funding.

Our school receives Title I funds, which supplement the programs in the school. The legal definition of a "highly qualified teacher" has three parts. It states that teachers must have a four-year degree, a standard teaching certificate, and proof of their knowledge in the subjects they teach.

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 Keansburg School District. All 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 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. Most teachers already meet this legal definition of highly qualified. Teachers in the state of New Jersey are required to meet this definition.

A highly qualified teacher knows what to teach, how to teach, and has a full understanding of the subject matter being taught. We believe that every teacher in our school is fully qualified and dedicated to teaching your child, and we will do everything possible to help our teachers who may not yet meet the legal definition required by the federal government.

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 *NCLB*, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education (USDE) Web site at www.ed.gov/nclb.

By partnering, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

Title IA Committee

Believe, Understand, and Realize Goals