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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act is our country's most important federal education law. In 2001 this law was reauthorized and is now called the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)*. *NCLB* was designed to make changes in teaching and learning that will help increase academic achievement in our schools.

The law requires that all schools receiving Title 1 funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child's teachers. In 2016-17 Tisdale, Hubbard, Dater, and Smith School will receive Title 1 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 who teach in core content areas must meet a specific legal definition of "highly qualified" in order to teach in schools that receive Title 1 funding. The legal definition of a "highly qualified teacher" has three parts. It states that the teacher must have the following:

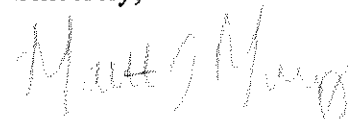
1. A four-year college degree
2. A regular teaching certificate/license
3. Proof of his/her knowledge in the subject they teach

All teachers in the state of New Jersey are required to meet this definition. I am pleased to state that all of the teachers in the Ramsey Public Schools meet the requirements for being highly qualified.

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,



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