



North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District

“Providing Success for All Students”

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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 2001 (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. Our district receives 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 "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 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 North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District. All our regular teachers have college degrees and many have advanced degrees in their subject. 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.

All of our teachers and paraprofessionals already meet this legal definition of highly qualified. Teachers in the state of New Jersey are required to meet this definition.

To ensure that every child in every classroom has a highly qualified teacher, the state of New Jersey and our school district are working together to help teachers meet these requirements of the federal law.

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 district is fully qualified and dedicated to teaching your child, and we will do everything possible to help our teachers maintain their high level of expertise.

I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with your child's teachers on a regular basis. For more information on NCLB, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education Web site at www.ed.gov/nclb.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. M. Shaddow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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