



DELSEA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Re: Title I Parents' Right-To-Know

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* was signed into law in December, 2015 and is our country's latest and most important federal education law. The *ESSA* replaces the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)*. This legislation 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 I (federal) funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child's teachers. Our school receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you upon your request.

We believe that nothing is more important to your child's education than having a well-prepared and highly qualified teacher. All educators in New Jersey are required to hold the appropriate state certifications or licenses for their given position. New Jersey has some of the best teachers in the country, and we are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff at Delsea Middle School. A highly qualified teacher knows what to teach, how to teach, and has a full understanding of the subject matter being taught. All of our teachers have college degrees and in fact, many have earned advanced degrees. In addition, every teacher continues his or her own learning through annual 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 your child's teacher(s) on a regular basis. For more information on *ESSA*, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education (USDE) Web site at www.ed.gov/essa.

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jill Bryfogle