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Education Director

Re: NCLB – Highly Qualified Teachers

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

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The Elementary and Secondary Education Act was our country's most important education law. This law was revised and is now called, The No Child Left Behind Act. No Child Left Behind (NCLB) was designed to make changes in teaching and learning that will help our students achieve more in school.

The law requires that all schools receiving federal funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child's teachers.

Our schools receive federal funding and we are happy to share this information with you.

Advisory Board:

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

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

New Jersey has the most qualified teachers in the country and we are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff Greater Brunswick



Charter School. All of 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. Our teachers continue their own learning through professional development activities and they are evaluated each year to make sure that their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

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 the requirements of the federal law by providing several options. Teachers are able to take a new test, or they can demonstrate their expertise through a combination of college coursework, professional development activities, and experience.

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 district is fully qualified and dedicated to teaching your child.

I encourage you to support your child's education and to communicate with his or her teacher on a regular basis. By partnering together – families and educators – we can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

Donna A. Medea
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