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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In December 2015, President Obama signed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) first enacted in 1965. Known for many years as the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and ESEA, this law was recently redesigned to make changes in teaching and learning that will help increase academic achievement in our schools.

Although NCLB was designed to make changes in teaching and learning in order to increase students' academic achievement, the Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) provision under NCLB was eliminated from the ESSA. Under the ESSA, all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the professional qualifications of their child's teachers and paraprofessionals. Our schools receive Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you upon request.

In an effort to establish and reinforce the connection between home and school, the Bordentown Regional School District has developed policies regarding ESSA. These policies outline the role and responsibilities of the district in providing support and services to students who meet the eligibility criteria. Copies of the enclosed policies can be viewed online by visiting our district website at www.bordentown.k12.nj.us.

In addition, our annual Title I parent night will be held at the MacFarland Intermediate School on **Thursday, October 26th at 6:30 PM**. Please mark your calendars for this event as we hope to provide you with some useful information to support your child's academic success.

Finally, I would encourage you to support your child's education by communicating with your child's teacher(s) on a regular basis. By partnering together, families and educators can provide their children with the best education possible. If you have any questions regarding these documents or your child's programs, please feel free to contact me or your building administrator.

Sincerely,



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