

Margaret Mace School
Title I - Parents' Right-to-Know

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* was passed by the U.S. Congress late last year and signed into law on December 10, 2015. The *ESSA* replaces the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)* and is the latest reauthorization of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*.

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*. Despite this fact, all educators in New Jersey still are required to hold their appropriate state certificate/license for their given position.

Under the *ESSA*, all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents/guardians of their right to ask schools about the professional qualifications of their teachers and paraprofessionals. Our school receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you upon your request.

New Jersey has some the most qualified teachers in the county, and we are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff in the North Wildwood School District. In addition, every teacher continues learning through professional development activities and our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure 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/guardian, please visit the United State Department of Education's (USDE) website at <http://www.ed.gov/essa>.

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

Sincerely,