

# SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was passed by the United States Congress 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) of 1965.

Although NCLB was designed to make changes to teaching and learning in order to increase students' academic achievement, the Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) provision under NCLB was eliminated from ESSA. Despite this fact, all educators in New Jersey still are required to hold the appropriate state certificate/license for their given position.

Under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), all schools receiving Title 1 funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the professional qualifications of their child's teachers. Our school receives Title 1 funding and we are happy to share this information with you upon your request.

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 South Brunswick School District. All of our teachers have college degrees and many have advanced degrees. 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 his or her teacher on a regular basis. For more information on the Every Student Succeeds Act, please visit our Web site, <http://www.sbschools.org/>. By partnering together—families and educators—we can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,



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#### HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

More information on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) can be found at:  
<http://www.nj.gov/education/ESSA/>  
or  
<https://www.ed.gov/essa>

For parents who do not have access to the Internet and would like to view these materials, you may call your school and arrangements will be made for you to come to school and view the materials. Any other questions you may have regarding the law, teacher quality, or parent/family involvement at our school can be answered by calling your school principal.