

SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 was and still is one of the most significant laws ever to impact public education. Revised in 2002, the law is now known as **No Child Left Behind (NCLB)**. The law was redesigned to provide a greater focus on student achievement.

The law (NCLB) requires that all schools receiving federal funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child's teachers. We believe that South Brunswick has an exceptionally well qualified teaching staff and we would be pleased to share this information with you. Please know that South Brunswick has fully met this requirement!

We believe that nothing is more important to your child's education at school 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 Highly Qualified Teacher has three parts. It states that teachers must have the following:

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

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. The State of New Jersey has always required a teaching certificate/license for all teachers. In addition, every teacher continues his or her own learning through professional development activities and our teachers 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 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. By way of this correspondence, we are assuring our community 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 communicate with his or her teacher on a regular basis. For more information on the **No Child Left Behind** Act, please visit our Web site, www.sbschools.org. By partnering together—families and educators—we can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary P. McCartney".

Gary P. McCartney, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

More information on No Child Left Behind (NCLB) can be found at:

<http://www.ed.gov/nclb/> or
<http://www.state.nj.us/njed/grants/nclb/>

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.