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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) was designed by the federal government in 2001 to make changes in teaching and student learning with the goal of increasing academic achievement in our schools. The NCLB law requires that schools receiving Title I funds, including your child's school, must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child's teachers. We are happy to share this information with you at your request.

The NCLB law requires that all teachers who teach in core content areas in schools receiving Title I funding must meet a specific legal definition of "highly qualified" including the following requirements: a four year college degree, a regular teaching certificate/license, and proof of his/her knowledge in the subject taught, such as a Praxis exam and/or a college major in the content area.


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 Lenape Regional High School District. All of our teachers have college degrees, and many have advanced degrees. New Jersey has always required a teaching certificate/license for all teachers. In addition, every teacher continues learning through professional development activities and our teachers are evaluated annually to ensure their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

A highly qualified teacher knows what to teach, how to teach, and has a full understanding of the subject matter being taught. Every teacher in our schools is fully qualified and dedicated to teaching your child. We ensure our teachers meet the legal definition required by the federal government.

Please support your child's education and communicate with your child's teachers on a regular basis. For more information on NCLB and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education (USDE) website at www.ed.gov/nclb.

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

Sincerely,


Emily Capella
Superintendent of Schools