

PRINCETON REGIONAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act was one of our country's most important education laws. In 2001, this law was revised and is now commonly referred to as the *No Child Left Behind Act*. *No Child Left Behind (NCLB)* was designed to make changes in teaching and learning that will help our students achieve more in school.

The law requires that all schools receiving federal funds must inform parents at the beginning of the school year about the qualifications of their child's teachers. Our school system receives federal funding and we are happy to share this information with you.

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 a Highly Qualified Teacher has three parts. It states that the teacher must have the following:

1. Have a bachelor's degree;
2. Have valid state certification for which no requirements have been waived; and
3. Demonstrate content expertise in the core academic subject(s) they teach through federal criteria specified in NCLB.

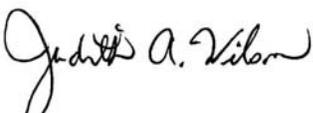
New Jersey has some of the most qualified teachers in the country, and we are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff in the Princeton Regional School District. All of our regular teachers have college degrees and many have advanced degrees. The state of New Jersey has always required a 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 have been working together to help teachers meet the requirements of the federal law.

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 school 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.

Sincerely,



Judith A. Wilson
Superintendent of Schools