

Greenwich-Stow Creek Partnership Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act is our country's most important education law. In January 2002 this federal law was revised, and is now called the No Child Left Behind Act. This legislation was designed to improve teaching and learning so that our children will be positioned for greater future success. The law requires that all schools receiving federal funds must inform parents of their right to ask school personnel about the qualifications of their child's teachers. In the Greenwich Stow Creek Partnership Schools we believe that nothing is more important to your child's education than having a well-prepared and highly qualified teacher.

The NCLB 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" has three parts. It states that teachers must have:

- A four year college degree
- A regular teaching certificate
- Proof of their knowledge of the subject they teach

New Jersey has some of the most qualified teachers in the country and we are extremely proud of the caliber of the teaching staff members we have in Greenwich-Stow Creek. All of our teachers meet the legal definition of "highly qualified."

As the parent or guardian of a child who attends the Greenwich-Stow Creek Partnership Schools, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. The NCLB act allows you to ask for certain information, and compels the school district to provide it. Specifically, you have the right to request the following about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the NJ Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects being taught.
- Whether the NJ Department of Education has decided that a teacher may teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major and whether the teacher has any advanced degrees.

If you have any questions about your child's teacher's qualifications, please contact me at (856) 455-1717.

Sincerely,

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