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Dear Parents:

As a partner in your child's education, you always have the right to request information about curriculum or programs available to assist your child in educational success. The federal *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB) legislation also affords you the right to question the qualifications of your child's teacher under its Highly Qualified Teacher provisions.

The three essentials of a Highly Qualified Teacher under NCLB provisions are that the staff member:

- hold at least a bachelor's degree
- be fully certified and licensed by the State of New Jersey
- and demonstrate competence in each of the core academic subjects taught by that teacher.

Mount Laurel staff members have historically met or exceeded those standards. In fact, one hundred-percent of our certified staff is considered Highly Qualified based on the NCLB criteria. In addition, more than 50-percent of our staff members hold a masters degree or better in their field. Our district commitment to continued and progressive professional development assists in keeping our faculty on the forefront of educational best practices.

We are proud of the fact that our staff members meet and exceed the highly qualified standards set by law, and will proudly share specific information about your teacher's highly qualified status at your request.

Sincerely,

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