

**FRENCHTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDITH ORT THOMAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act is our country's most important federal education law. In 2001, this law was reauthorized and is now called the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). NCLB was designed to make changes in teaching and learning that will help increase academic achievement in our schools.

The law requires that all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child's teachers. Our school receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you at your request.

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 Title I funding. The legal definition of a "highly qualified teacher" has three parts. It states that the teacher must have the following:

- 1) A four year college degree
- 2) A regular teaching certificate/license
- 3) Proof of his/her knowledge in the subject he/she teaches

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 Frenchtown Elementary School District. The State of 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 each year to make sure that their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

We are looking forward to a successful year. Should you have any questions, please call the school office at (908) 996-2751.

Sincerely,

David Bailey
Principal