

Dear Parent,

On January 8, 2002, President Bush signed into law the “No Child Left Behind Act” (NCLB). NCLB is designed to improve student achievement by increasing federal involvement in public education both at the state and local level. NCLB will require significant changes to schools that receive Title I funding. Your child’s school receives Title I funding and is covered under NCLB.

NCLB requires:

- Increased accountability for states, school districts and individual schools.
- Greater choice for parents, especially those in low performing schools.
- Greater flexibility for states and local education agencies in the use of federal dollars.

Under NCLB, parents have a right to know the professional qualifications of their children’s teacher(s). The Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child’s classroom teachers and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner, if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child’s classroom teachers:

- Whether the PA Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency permit or other provisional status through which state licensing criteria have been waived.
- The teacher’s college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and if so, the subject of the degrees. The district will notify you by letter if your child has received four or more consecutive weeks of instruction from a teacher not meeting the definition of “highly qualified” regarding the teacher’s professional qualifications.
- Whether any instructional aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive specific information about your child’s teacher or paraprofessional, please contact your school’s principal. For general information about NCLB, please contact the Superintendent’s office at 724-397-5551, ext. 408.

Our district is fully committed to the success of your child. We appreciate your partnership in our efforts.

Sincerely,
Dr. Frank Garritano
Interim Superintendent