

TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

"Children come first, Los niños son primero"

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

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 inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child's teachers. You have the right to ask your school about the qualifications of your child's teacher(s). The law requires that all teachers 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" is a teacher who has 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

I am pleased to report that all teachers in the Trenton Public School District meet this legal definition of "highly qualified" in the 2013-2014 school year.

It is the District's Mission that all students graduate with a vision for their futures, motivated to learn continually and prepared to succeed in their choice of college or career. Beyond the legally required definition of "highly qualified," we are also committed to ensuring that all teachers are effective in helping students grow academically.

For more information on *NCLB*, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education's website at www.ed.gov/nclb.

We thank you for your ongoing support of your child's education and encourage you to communicate regularly with your child's teacher(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francisco Durán", is written over a horizontal line.

Francisco Durán
Superintendent of Schools