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## Title I – Parents' Right-to-Know 2020 - 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* was passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law in 2015. The *ESSA* replaces the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)* and is the latest reauthorization of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*.

Although *NCLB* was designed to make changes in teaching and learning in order to increase students' academic achievement, the Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) provision under *NCLB* was eliminated from the *ESSA*. Despite this fact, all educators in North Carolina still are required to hold the appropriate state certificate/license for their given position.

Under *ESSA*, all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the professional qualifications of their child's teachers and paraprofessionals. Our elementary and intermediate schools receive Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you upon your request.

We encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with your child's school on a regular basis. By partnering, families and educators can provide our students with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark R. Garrett".

Mark R. Garrett  
Superintendent

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