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Re: Parent/Guardian Right to Know of Teacher's and Paraprofessional's Professional Qualifications

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The *Every Student Succeeds Act* ("ESSA") was passed by the U.S. Congress last year and signed into law on December 10<sup>th</sup> 2015. The ESSA replaces the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)* and is the latest reauthorization of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*.

The ESSA eliminated the "highly qualified teacher" requirement under the NCLB. However, the ESSA requires that all Camden City School District ("District") teachers and paraprofessionals working in programs supported by Title I funds meet state certification and licensure requirements. The District meets these requirements for all Title I funded staff.

The ESSA also requires the District to inform you of your right to inquire about the professional qualifications of your child's teacher and paraprofessional. Thus, if you wish to inquire about the professional qualifications of your child's teacher(s) or paraprofessional(s), we will share that information with you.

For more information on the ESSA and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education's (USDE) website at <http://www.ed.gov/essa>.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Superintendent



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