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LETTER TO PARENTS
RE: HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHER INFORMATION

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act requires that all schools receiving federal funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child's teachers. Our school receives federal funding, and we are happy to share this information with you.

The current law requires that all teachers meet a specific, legal definition of "highly qualified" in order to teach in schools that receive federal funding. The legal definition of a "highly qualified teacher" has three parts. It states that the teacher must have:

1. A four-year college degree;
2. A regular teaching certificate/license; and
3. Proof of their knowledge in the subject they teach.

We are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff in the Lumberton Township School District and are pleased to report that **all** of our teachers are Highly Qualified for the courses and/or grade levels they teach. All of our teachers have college degrees and many have advanced degrees. Everyone has a state endorsed teaching certificate, and all have demonstrated knowledge in the subject they teach. In addition, every teacher continues his or her own 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 believe that nothing is more important to your child's education at school than having a well-prepared and highly qualified teacher.

A highly qualified teacher knows what to teach and how to teach it and has a full understanding of the subject matter being taught. We believe that our teachers are fully qualified and dedicated to teaching your child.

Many of our students work with paraprofessionals in their classrooms as well. All of our paraprofessionals have a minimum of a high school diploma, and a large percentage have earned college credits. Many possess college degrees, and several are certified teachers. Please feel free to contact my office to request information about the qualifications of any specific paraprofessional who works with your child.

I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with his or her teacher on a regular basis. By partnering together, as families and educators, we can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,



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