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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 teachers who teach in core content areas must 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" has three parts. It states that the teacher must have the following:

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

This letter is to inform you that all teachers in the East Greenwich Township School District meet the federal definition of highly qualified. As we begin the 2008-2009 school year, I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with your child's teacher(s) on a regular basis. For more information on *NCLB*, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education (USDE) Web site at www.ed.gov/nclb. By partnering, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Conroy
Superintendent

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