

# RUTHERFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* is our country's most important federal education law. On December 10, 2015, President Obama signed the reauthorization of this law, called the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*. *ESSA* is 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 must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child's teachers. Your school receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you at your request.

I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with your child's teacher(s) on a regular basis. By partnering, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible. For more information on *ESSA*, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education (USDE) website at <http://www.ed.gov/essa>.

Sincerely,

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