

Sayreville Public Schools
Educating Today's Learners to Be Tomorrow's Leaders

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The federal *No Child Left Behind Act* was designed to make changes in teaching and learning that will help increase academic achievement in our schools. This year the Sayreville School District received **\$609,068** in *No Child Left Behind (NCLB)* Title I funding for eligible students at Sayreville Middle School, Samsel Upper Elementary School, Arleth School, Eisenhower School, Truman School, and Wilson School. This grant money must be used to help qualifying students achieve proficiency levels related to the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. The district uses NCLB funding to supplement local funds in order to provide students with Academic Support Instruction (ASI), Mathematics and Language Arts Literacy tutorials, as well as technology based student assessment programs and equipment. Additionally, it provides high quality sustained professional development activities for educators in designated Title I schools.

NCLB also requires all schools receiving Title I funds to inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their children's teachers and paraprofessionals. Our schools receive Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you at your request.

We believe that nothing is more important to your child's education than having well-prepared and highly qualified teachers. In order to meet the NCLB definition of a "highly qualified teacher," the individual must have the following: a) a four-year college degree; b) a regular teaching certificate or license and c) proof of his/her knowledge in the subject taught. All New Jersey teachers hired after September 2006 are required to meet this definition of a "highly qualified teacher." For more information on NCLB, please visit the United States Department of Education website at www.ed.gov/nclb.

We encourage you to support and communicate with your child's teachers on a regular basis. Together we can continue our mission of "Educating today's youth to become tomorrow's leaders."

Sincerely,

Frank Alfano

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Superintendent