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Dear Parents/Guardians:

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 schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child's teachers. Our schools receive Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you.

We believe that nothing is more important to you child's education at school than having a well-prepared and highly qualified teacher. The law requires that all teachers 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 and 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 area he/she teaches.

Roselle Park has some of the most qualified teachers available and is extremely proud of the quality contained in the professional teaching staff. All of our teachers have college degrees and many hold advanced degrees. In accordance with state regulations, all teachers are also fully certified to be considered "HQT" (Highly Qualified Teacher) in each of the subjects they have been assigned. Beyond this, all teachers are part of a regular and on-going program of staff development and continuation education, so that Roselle Park can maintain the best quality instruction and most current practices in its schools. Additionally, our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure that their teaching skills remain at the highest level possible.

We encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with his/her teacher on a regular basis. For more information on NCLB, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education Web site at www.ed.gov/nclb. By partnering, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

Patrick Spagnoletti,
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"Where Children Come First"