



# COLTS NECK HIGH SCHOOL



**Freehold Regional High School District**

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) legislation passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Obama on December 10, 2015 is the latest reauthorization of the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

ESEA funding supports change in teaching and learning in order to increase students' academic achievement. The NCLB provision of Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) status provision was not included in the ESSA legislation. Despite this fact, all educators in New Jersey are required to hold the appropriate state certification/instructional endorsement for their given position.

Under ESSA legislation, all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the professional qualifications of their child's teachers and paraprofessionals. Our school receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you, upon your specific request.

New Jersey has some of the most qualified teachers in the country, and we are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff in the Freehold Regional High School District. All our permanent teachers possess college degrees and many have earned advanced degrees. In addition, every teacher continues professional growth and learning through annual professional development programs and all certificated teaching staff undergo observation/evaluation each year to make sure their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with your child's teachers on a regular basis. For more information on ESSA, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education's (USDE) website at <http://www.ed.gov/essa> or the New Jersey Department of Education website at <https://www.state.nj.us/education/ESSA/>

Through active engagement, families and educators can work together as partners to provide your child with the best educational experience possible.

Sincerely,

*Brian P. Donahue, Ed.D.*

Dr. Brian P. Donahue  
Principal