



September 8, 2020

Dear Parent or Guardian:

On December 10, 2015, the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* was signed into law. Under ESSA Section 1112(e) parents of students attending Title I schools are to be provided these two notifications.

Section 1112(e) (1) (A) of ESSA states that as a parent of a student in **Mack Benn, Jr. Elementary School**, receiving Title I funds, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers instructing your child. Federal law requires the school division to provide you this information in a timely manner, if you request it. Specifically, you have the right to request the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status because of special circumstances.
- Whether the teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification or degree he/she received.
- Whether paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

Section 1112(e) (2) of ESSA states that parents of students in Title I schools have a right to know about state or division policies regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by ESSA, including any policy, procedure, or parental right to opt students out of such assessments.

If you would like to receive information, about the qualifications of your child's teacher, please contact Rodney Brown, Director of Human Resources, Suffolk Public Schools, at 757-925-6758, or rodneybrown@spsk12.net. If you would like information regarding student participation in state assessments please contact your school's testing coordinator.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent