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*Oxford Central School Students are C.O.R.R.E.C.T.*

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

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 school receives 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 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. It states that the teacher must have the following:

1. A four-year college degree
2. A regular teaching certificate/license
3. Proof of their knowledge in the subject they teach

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 Oxford Central School District. All of our regular teachers have college degrees and many have advanced degrees. The state of New Jersey has always required a teaching certificate/license for all teachers. In addition, every teacher continues learning through professional development activities and our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure that their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

The Oxford Central School District has achieved 100% compliance with this law. Every child in our school is being taught by a teacher who meets the federal guidelines under the NCLB laws.

At this time I am also reporting that we have begun to schedule students for Basic Skills Instruction and some students for after school tutoring. If your son or daughter is eligible to receive this supplemental instruction you should have received a letter a letter from the school about two weeks ago. If you feel your student would benefit from this additional educational support, or from after school tutoring, please let us know via your child's homeroom teacher. There is a fee for after school tutoring, however, some children will qualify for additional after school support at no charge. This can be requested through the homeroom teacher and then we will evaluate the request to see if the student might be eligible for no-cost or low-cost tutoring.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Magnuson