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Tappahannock Elementary and Essex Intermediate School Title I Schoolwide Program 2018-2019 School Year

Dear Parent/Guardian;

Tappahannock Elementary School and Essex Intermediate School are Title I schoolwide schools. The Title I federal program provides support for improving academic achievement of students. Title I funds support students directly and indirectly. Some programs such as research-based computer programs and after school tutoring are provided because of Title I fund support. Title I funds also support instructional coaches that help teachers. In addition, parents of students in Title I schools are encouraged to actively participate in their student's education by serving on the school improvement committee, attending school events, and supporting student success through activities in the home. The attached Title I Parent Compact describes how parents and educators can work together for the success of every student. Please review and sign the attached Title I Parent Compact and return it to your student's school. This agreement serves as your consent to provide educational programming to meet your student's needs.

Parents of students in Title I schools have several rights and responsibilities. As a parent of a student in Tappahannock Elementary School or Essex Intermediate 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:

- Whether the teacher meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact your student's principal.

Parents also have the right to access to the annual state school quality profile published for each school in Virginia. The school quality profile can be accessed at the Virginia Department of Education website at <http://schoolquality.virginia.gov/>. Parents without internet access may view the report at their student's school.

For further information about Title I programs please feel free to contact:

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