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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Legislation (G.S. §115C-83.15) passed during the 2013 long session of the North Carolina General Assembly provides parents with an additional measure of school performance in the form of School Performance Grades. Beginning with the 2013–14 school year, the annual North Carolina School Report Cards display a letter grade of A, B, C, D, or F for each school in the state.

The School Performance Grades are based 80 percent on our school's achievement score (student proficiency) and 20 percent on students' academic growth. At Julius Chambers High School, our achievement score for the 2022-2023 school year is based on how well our students performed on NC Math 1, NC Math 3, English II, and Biology.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Julius Chambers High School has been designated as a low-performing school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. As defined in G.S. 115C-105.37: "The State Board of Education shall identify low-performing schools on an annual basis. Low-performing schools are those that earn an overall school performance grade of D or F and a school growth score of "met expected growth" or "not met expected growth" as defined by G.S. 115C-83.15."

Julius Chambers High School received a School Performance Grade of D and a growth designation of *Did Not Meet* for the 2022–2023 school year. Although we are committed to improving this score, it is important to remember that just as no one single score or grade tells the whole story of a student, neither does it tell you everything about the performance of a school or the opportunities that our school provides.

- Robust Career Pathway Options
- Corporate Apprenticeship & Internship Experiences
- Access to Advanced Classes (AP, Cambridge, AVID)
- Diverse Menu of Extracurricular Opportunities (Clubs, Band, Theater, etc.)
- School Pride & Community Ownership of School Outcomes

As a low-performing school, we are required to develop an improvement plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve both the school performance grade and school growth score. The plan will also include how the superintendent and other central office administrators in the district will work with us and monitor the progress of our school. We are already engaged in the work of refining our plan and will present the plan to our school board at their next meeting, October 24, 2023, at 6 p.m., Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center, where the plan will be presented for approval. The final plan will be available for review at www.cmsk12.org/chambersHS.

One of our top priorities for 2023–2024 is to improve our School Performance Grade. There are a number of key programs we have in place to help improve student performance. These include:

- Providing professional development for all staff on the instructional expectations
- Implementing evidence-based interventions to increase the overall performance of our students with disabilities.
- Providing specific interventions for Multi-Lingual students.
- Developing weekly themed lessons to execute during weekly Social Emotional Learning Lessons to increase students' self-perception of their self-management and engagement.
- developing a tiered action plan in alignment with our school-wide tiered attendance plan to address the needs of individual students who are chronically absent or at risk of becoming chronically absent.

We hope you will closely follow your student's academic progress and work with his or her teacher(s) to help ensure they stay on track academically. Working together as a team, we can improve not only how well our students are performing individually but how our school is performing as a whole. There is nothing more important to administrators and teachers at Julius Chambers High School than ensuring students are ready for the next step in their academic careers. I look forward to working with you to make sure your student is on track for success.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our School Performance Grade and how we plan to improve, please don't hesitate to contact Julius L. Chambers High School at 980-343-5284.

Sincerely,

Dr. Travares Hicks, Principal