October 24, 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in West Mecklenburg High School, I am writing this letter to let you know that West Mecklenburg High School, has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement-Consistently Underperforming (TSI-CU) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. ESSA Section 1111(d)(2) stated that North Carolina had to identify schools for targeted support and improvement. TSI-CU schools in North Carolina have student subgroup(s) that are consistently underperforming.

This opportunity intends to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

As a TSI-CU school, West Mecklenburg High School is required to develop a comprehensive plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve student achievement. The plan will also include how our district will support us and monitor our school's progress. The comprehensive plan will address the following areas:
- Classroom Management
- Standards-aligned Instruction
- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
- Instructional Leadership
- Recruitment & Retention of Effective Teachers
- Support for Grade-to-Grade Transitions
- Implementation of a Tiered Instructional System
- Data-Driven Decision Making
- Student Support Services
- Family and Community Engagement

We have set the following goals for West Mecklenburg High School this year:
- Percent of students scoring CCR (college and career ready) on Math I assessments will increase from 27.4% in September 2023 to 57% by June 2029
- The school has aligned resource allocation (money, time, human resources) within each school's instructional priorities.
- Percent of rising 12th grade students on track to graduate from high school enrolled, enlisted or employed will increase from 81.3% to 90% by June 2029.

Our students need to experience higher achievement levels, but it will require hard work on the part of staff, students and families. Here are some strategies West Mecklenburg High School will be implementing:
- *PLCs bi-weekly*
- *Data walks and core action walks*
- *ESSA Committees*
- *NEST Program*
- *AVID Committee*
- *Admin and ILT Classroom Walk-throughs*

Parent engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways we can work together:
- Make sure that both you and your student are aware of academic expectations set for your student this school year. A list of learning objectives in student-friendly language is available from your student's teacher(s).
- Call Principal Bundrick at 980-343-6080 if you have questions or concerns about your student or to set up

an appointment to meet with a school staff member who will be working with your student.
- Make sure that your student is prepared and attends school each day.
- Monitor your student's homework.
- Monitor the progress your student is making and attend meetings with your student's teacher(s).
- Keep track of our website and social media sites [West Mecklenburg High School Website](#)
- Volunteer
- Join the West Mecklenburg High School Parent Teacher Association

Sounds like a lot but preparing our students so that they can succeed is not easy and is a group effort. Here are some resources available to help:
- [West Mecklenburg High School Website](#)
- Graduation requirements: www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/
- State student achievement test results: www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/
- N.C. School Report Cards: https://ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com/src

We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your students. Already, we have:
- **Marching Band Program**
- **AVID Site Team**
- **Capturing Kids Hearts Focus**
- **Student Success Time**

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Principal Bundrick at casimir.bundrick@cms.k12.nc.us or 980-343-6080.

Sincerely,

Casimir Bundrick
Principal
West Mecklenburg High School