



High School

213 Warrior Drive

Statesville, North Carolina 28625

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As we approach the mid-point of the first quarter of the school year, I would like to reach out to you and share some information about our schools' academic successes and areas of improvement for the 2020 – 2021 school year. As a parent/guardian of a student at West Iredell High School I want to say thank you for what you do to make our school a safe place where students can learn and grow.

I need to inform you that our school has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. Each year when we take End-of-Course testing, we must assess the performance not only of our school as a whole, but also by sub-groups. For example, we must look at how our boys perform as compared to our girls, how our Hispanic students perform as compared to our white students, etc. As you can imagine, there are many subgroups at our school. In fact, there are 6 subgroups that we examine each year at our school. Our area of improvement is the SWD subgroup. As stated in ESSA Section 1111(d)(2), North Carolina had to identify schools for targeted support and improvement. TSI-AT schools in North Carolina are those that have a subgroup that is under-performing. The intent of this opportunity is to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

As such, our 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 the progress of our school. The comprehensive plan will address the following areas:

Classroom Management

Standards-aligned Instruction

Support for Grade-to-Grade Transitions

Student Support Services

Implementation of a Tiered Instructional System

Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)

Instructional Leadership

Data-Driven Decision Making

Family and Community Engagement

Recruitment & Retention of Effective Teachers

Please rest assured that gathering data, analyzing student performance, and growing every individual student at our school is at the forefront of what we do every day at our school. If you would like more specific information about our growth goals and strategies, I encourage you to read our School Improvement Plan, which is located on our website. I'm also happy to speak with you about our comprehensive plan for our school. Again, I appreciate your support of West Iredell High School.

Sincerely,

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