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Dear Bartlett Yancey Senior High School Parent/Guardian:

I hope the first quarter has been filled with successful remote learning experiences for you and your student(s). As we prepare for the continuation of successful teaching and learning, we would like to extend wonderful greetings to you and your family as we share some highlights with you. We are celebrating our students' graduation rate of 85.4%! We are excited our students and families may access the internet through WiFi Rangers at Lively Stones Baptist (in Pelham), Kerr's Chapel Baptist (on Kerr's Chapel Road), Sweet Gum's Grove Baptist (on NC Hwy 119), and Shiloh Baptist Church (in Milton). Additionally, we have created a parent and student online resource center which can be accessed at <https://CaswellParentandStudentResources>. We continue to boast about our Career Academy and the Associates Degree Program.

Bartlett Yancey High School staff opened the new year with productive goals for the 2020-2021 school year. *Goal 1: Instructional support for all students will be implemented by improving the quality of teaching and learning; ensuring consistency in teachers' use of data to match instruction more closely to students' learning needs; demonstrating uniformity of learning objectives via displaying them in all lessons; establishing clear expectations for the amount of quality work required in each lesson; and verifying lessons are appropriately aligned and paced for the ultimate use of instructional time.* *Goal 2: Instructional support for teachers will be implemented by creating a rigorous and stringent monitoring system through structured professional development and constructive, purposeful feedback to help teachers reflect on and improve their practice.* *Goal 3: Leadership support for teachers will be implemented by effectively engaging all staff members to invest in the ownership and direction of the school by collaborating with all teachers to better understand and address their concerns, leading to a more cohesive organization.* *Goal 4: Design, implement, codify, and communicate strategic plans that establish specific goals and outcomes for improving graduation rates, student subgroup support, and technology integration, along with professional duties and responsibilities across the school campus.*

Some of Bartlett Yancey High School's improvement plan has embedded strategies to improve student achievement, which include:

- ❑ The administrative team will assist teachers with their professional development plans and monitor their progress throughout the school year.
- ❑ The administrative team will collaborate with the school improvement team members and department chairs to ensure high expectations are communicated effectively.
- ❑ The administrative team communicates requirements and expectations for the faculty and staff during bi-monthly faculty meetings. Professional development is offered on the third Monday of each month facilitated by the instructional coach and curriculum director to specifically address the needs aligned with the school improvement plan.
- ❑ The instructional coach will ensure that lessons and assessments are aligned to the Engage NY curriculum by meeting with teachers in PLCs and collecting the minutes for review with the administrative team.

- ❑ Teachers will integrate technology into the delivery of instruction by using tools and strategies from TPACK and SAMR models. The technology facilitator will assist with this process.
- ❑ Teachers will submit lesson plans weekly aligned to the curriculum and Standard Course of Study. Feedback will be provided from administrators.
- ❑ Teachers will refer to Revised Bloom's Taxonomy to implement higher order thinking skills and dispositions throughout instruction.
- ❑ All core classroom teachers are responsible for the use of curriculum guides aligned to the standards and lesson plans.
- ❑ There will be evidence of PLC collaboration and forms submitted to the instructional coach and shared with the administrative team.
- ❑ Math 1, 2, 3 and English 1, 2, 3, and 4 will use the Engage New York and Eureka Math curriculum to guide their instructional practices.

As stated in ESSA Section 1111(d)(2), North Carolina had to identify schools for targeted support and improvement. Bartlett Yancey High School has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. 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. *Parent engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways we can work together:*

- *Make sure 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 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 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.*
- *Join a parent support/volunteer team.*

This may sound like a lot; however, preparing our students to be successful is not always easy and is a group effort. Here are some resources available to help:

- 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>
- Remote Learning parent and student resources: <https://CaswellParentandStudentResources>

On behalf of the *Bartlett Yancey High School* learning community, I would like to extend a safe, wonderful holiday season to you and your family. If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact **Mr. Lance Stokes** at lance.stokes@caswell.k12.nc.us.

Sincerely,

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