

Dear Parents/Legal Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to share an important update about our school's performance for the 2023-2024 school year, and it outlines the strategies that will be implemented to address the underperformance.

Lakewood High School is rated as an unsatisfactory school. District and school leaders understand this information may cause concerns; therefore, the highest priority for Lakewood High School is to improve student achievement. We are firmly committed to advancing potential and pursuing excellence for all learners, and we ask all stakeholders to actively participate in the process.

First and foremost, the rating does not reflect the dedication of our students and staff. Our school has an exceptional community of teachers, support staff, and students who give their best every day; however, leaders recognize that there is room for growth, and we are fully committed to turning this situation around.

The following key strategies will address instructional improvement to increase student achievement:

1. **Data-Driven Instruction:** We will focus on using data to identify areas of improvement. This includes regular assessments to track student progress and tailoring our teaching strategies to meet the unique needs of each student.
2. **Professional Development:** Our teachers will receive ongoing research-based professional development and targeted assistance to enhance their teaching skills. This will ensure that they are well-equipped to provide the best education possible for your children.
3. **Parent Involvement:** We encourage active participation from parents and guardians. Your input, support, and involvement in your child's education are invaluable. We will host regular meetings and workshops to keep you informed and engaged.
4. **Student Support Services:** We are expanding our student support services to address any learning difficulties promptly. Early intervention can make a significant difference in a child's academic progress.
5. **Transparent Communication:** We are committed to keeping you informed about our progress. Regular updates on our improvement efforts, school events, and student achievements will be shared through newsletters, emails, and meetings.
6. **Collaboration with the Community:** We will collaborate with local organizations, businesses, and community members to create a supportive network that fosters student success.
7. **Support Personnel:** A literacy coach will work with all teachers to create effective instructional lessons.

We will host an informational meeting to explain our school's rating, its implications, and the implementation of a revised strategic plan for improvement on November 21 at 5:00pm-6:00pm in the media center.

While we recognize the challenges ahead, we are confident that with the dedication and collective effort of our school community, we can improve Lakewood's rating and provide an exceptional education for our students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Maggie J. Wright-Principal