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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As a parent/guardian of a student in ***Newell Elementary***, I am writing this letter to let you know that ***Newell Elementary***, has been designated as a Comprehensive Support & Improvement Low-Performing (CSI-LP) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. As stated in ESSA Section 1111(c)(4)(D)(i), North Carolina had to identify schools for comprehensive support and improvement. CSI-LP schools in North Carolina are those found in the lowest-performing 5 percent of all schools receiving Title I funding. 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 a CSI-LP school, ***Newell Elementary*** 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
- Standard-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 ***Newell Elementary*** this year:

- **The percent of Kindergarten through 2nd grade students scoring at or above benchmark in early literacy as measured by DIBELS will increase from 49.5% in SY2024-25 to 54.5% in SY2025-26.**
- **The percent of students scoring College and Career Ready (CCR) on reading End of Grade assessments in grades 3-5 will increase from 12.5% in SY2024-25 to 17.5% in SY2025-26.**
- **The percent of students scoring Grade Level Proficient (GLP), (by student group/s relevant to school), on math End of Grade assessments in grades 3-5 will increase from 44% in SY 2024-25 to 55% in SY 2025-26.**

- The percent of OSS incidents will decrease from 46.7% in SY 2024-25 to 23.4% in SY 2025-26.
- The school will retain 90% of its highly effective classroom teachers throughout the 2025-26.
- The percent of Chronic Absenteeism will decrease from 28.9% in SY2024-25 to 23.9% in SY2025-26.

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 ***Newell Elementary*** will be implementing:

- Initiatives that promote increased student attendance.
- Strategies to keep students in school and engaged until 3:30 each day.
- Having students read for 20-30 minutes, practice their math facts each night, and log into I-Ready for 15-20 minutes each night.

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 the 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 ***LaDonne Dillard*** 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 students' 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
<https://www.cmsk12.org/newellES>
<https://www.facebook.com/NewellElementaryCMS>
- Volunteer.
- Join the ***Newell PTA***- <https://newellelementary.memberhub.com/store>

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:

- School Social Worker, Eleanor Bartley: Eleanort.bartley@cms.k12.nc.us
- 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://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards>

We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your student.

Already, we have:

- Created a comprehensive reading support plan
- Tutoring in math and reading before or after school and during the school day
- Established a basketball, cheer, soccer, and STEM to provide additional extra-curricular activities in addition to soccer and a chorus preparing for a Winter Performance.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact **Kyerra Oglesby, Ed.D** at **kyerrao.oglesby@cms.k12.nc.us** or **980-343-6820**.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kyerra Oglesby

Principal

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