Herbin-Metz Education Center

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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As a parent/guardian of a student in Herbin-Metz Education Center, I am writing this letter to let you know that Herbin-Metz Education Center has been designated as a Comprehensive Support & Improvement Low-Performing (CSI-LP) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education.

Under the Every Student Succeeds Act ESSA Section 1111(c)(4)(D)(i)(I), North Carolina identifies schools for comprehensive support and improvement. CSI-LP schools in North Carolina are those in the lowest-performing five percent of all schools receiving Title I funding. This is intended to focus support on improving student outcomes, closing achievement gaps, increasing equity and strengthening instruction.

As a CSI-LP school, Herbin-Metz Education Center 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 plan will address:

- Classroom management
- Standards-aligned instruction
- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
- Instructional leadership
- Recruitment and 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 Herbin-Metz Education Center this year:

By June 2027, chronic student absences will decrease by 10% (34.2% to 30.7%).

By June 2027, aligned with the Guilford Guarantee, students at Herbin-Metz Education Center will increase their average VB-MAPP Milestones score by 10% from the fall 2026 baseline, with at least 70% of students showing individual growth
of 10% or more, supporting readiness for post-secondary outcomes.

By June 2027, 100% of classrooms will implement and document at least 1 SEL (Social-Emotional Learning) lesson per week as evidenced by lesson plans, walkthrough data, and administrative monitoring.

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 Sue Harvey at 336-333-7065 if you have questions or concerns about your student or to set

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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 the progress your student is making and attend meetings with your student's teacher(s).
- Keep track of our website and social media sites https://herbinmetzec.gcsnc.com/ and https://www.facebook.com/Herbin.Metz.Chameleons/
- Volunteer.
- Join the HMEC Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

This may sound 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:

- Graduation requirements: www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/
- K-12 academic standards: www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/
- State testing and accountability information: www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/
- N.C. School Report Cards: https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards

We are excited about this school year and are committed to making it successful for every student. Early progress includes adding Social Emotional Learning to our weekly Core Concepts called Connections.

Thank you for your partnership as we continue strengthening teaching, learning and support for students at Herbin-Metz Education Center.

If you have questions about this letter, please contact Sue Harvey at harveys2@gcsnc.com or 336-333-7065.

Sincerely,

Sue Harvey, Principal

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