



I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent / guardian of a student in Commonwealth High School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Commonwealth, has been designated as a **Comprehensive Support & Improvement Low-Performing (CSI-LP) school with a Low Graduation Rate (CSI-LG)** 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/ LG schools in North Carolina are 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/LG school, Commonwealth 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 Commonwealth this year:

- The school will regularly look at school performance data and observations to make decisions about school improvement
- The school will increase graduation rates up to 10%
- The school will communicate with parents/ guardians about expectations and academic achievement
- The school will implement a tiered instructional system that allows teachers to meet individual needs of students

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 Commonwealth will be implementing:

- Provide small group instruction to meet individual student needs
- Provide resources and opportunities to enhance student success
- Provide opportunities for students to be College and Career Ready

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).
- Monitor student progress using the Parent Portal.
- 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 [Follow us on Instagram at Commonwealths].
- Update contact information: email, phone numbers, address

- Join the parent engagement events that are offered at your school.

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:

- Parent Portal
- Graduation requirements: [www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/)
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: [www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/)
- State student achievement test results: [www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/)
- N.C. School Report Cards: <https://ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com/src>

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

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Mrs. Tamara Wynn at [Tamara.Wynn@als-education.com](mailto:Tamara.Wynn@als-education.com) or 704-899-4998.

Sincerely,

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