

SOUTHERN LEE CAVALIERS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

November 4, 2023

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. This letter serves as notification that Southern Lee High School, has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement -Consistently Underperforming (TSI-CU) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. As stated in ESSA Section 1111(d)(2), North Carolina had to identify schools for targeted support and improvement. Schools are identified as TSI-CU when one or more of the same subgroups receives a grade of "F" on the NC statewide system of annual meaningful differentiation (School Performance Grades) for the most recent and the previous two (2) years. Southern Lee High School has also been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school. As stated in ESSA Section 1111(d)(2), North Carolina had to identify schools for targeted support and improvement. 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.

As a TSI-CU and a TSI-AT school, Southern Lee High School is required to develop a comprehensive School Improvement 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
- Standards-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

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 your child's teacher 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 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 <https://www.lee.k12.nc.us/Domain/20>

We look forward to partnering with you to prepare our students for success. Please use the resources linked below for additional information and ideas for support:

- Southern Lee High School Student Services:
 - o 9th Grade Counselor–Rachel Dial–rdial.sl@lee.k12.nc.us
 - o 10th Grade Counselor–Keneth Neal–kneal.sl@lee.k12.nc.us
 - o 11th Grade Counselor–Amy McDonald–amcdonald.sl@lee.k12.nc.us
 - o 12th Grade Counselor–Katlynn Roberts–kroberts.sl@lee.k12.nc.us
 - o Bilingual Counselor–Georgiana Scrisu–gscrisu.ls@lee.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://ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com/src>

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

With Cav Pride,

Molly B. Poston, Principal

