



LEE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in Lee County High School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Lee County High School has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) 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. 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-AT school, Lee County High School 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*
- *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*

We have set the following goals for Lee County High School this year:

- *LCHS will meet the needs of all learners through our multi-tiered system of support.*
- *LCHS will create a safe and supportive learning environment for all students and will maintain positive working relationships between staff, students, & community.*
- *LCHS will ensure reading and writing are the focus in all subject areas.*

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 Lee County High School will be implementing:

- *School wide monitoring system for all students*
- *Regular communication with parents through Blackboard Connect, phone calls, Parent Portal, Document Delivery, and social media.*
- *Collaborative meetings with support staff, teachers, and families when students are struggling.*
- *Alternative plans developed for students struggling with traditional school/classes.*
- *After hours tutoring and homework help offered online in core subjects.*

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.*
- *Call or email your child's teachers or speak with our school counselors if you have questions or concerns about your student.*
- *Make sure that your student is prepared and attends school each day.*
- *Monitor your student's grades and homework.*
- *Monitor the progress your student is making and stay in contact with your child's teachers.*
- *Keep track of our website and social media sites.*

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:

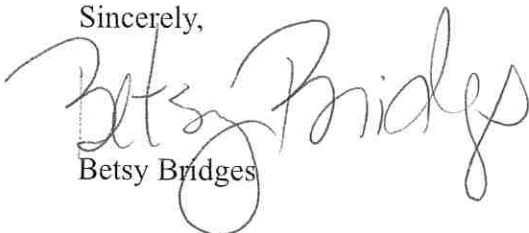
- *Graduation requirements: www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/*
- *K-12 standards in academic subjects: www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/*
- *State student achievement test results: www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/*
- *N.C. School Report Cards: <https://ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com/src>*

We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for our students. Already, we have:

- *Welcomed and transitioned almost 1500 students back into our building full-time.*
- *Hired two additional counselors to have five full-time counselors on staff.*
- *Checked out Chromebooks to all students.*
- *Established a system for students to reach out for help from a counselor.*
- *Established an after school/evening help session hours for students online.*

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact me at bbridges.ls@lee.k12.nc.us or call 919-776-7541.

Sincerely,


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