

SOUTHERN LEE CAVALIERS

October 25, 2021

Dear Cavalier Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. I am writing this letter to let you know that Southern Lee 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. Our designation includes our EL and SWD subgroups. 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, Southern Lee 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 goal for Southern Lee High School this year:

- Increased student growth and proficiency on state-mandated tests including End of Course tests and Access Testing for English Language Learners

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 Southern Lee High School will be implementing:

- Professional development for supporting the academic, social, and emotional needs of all students
- Professional Learning Communities of teachers, administrators, and support personnel to ensure curriculum alignment and proper pacing to address content standards, individualized plans for students, and assessment outcomes.

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 or e-mail your student's teachers, counselor, or grade level administrator 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 www.lee.k12.nc.us/Domain/20
- Volunteer.
- Join the Southern Lee High School PTSO

These steps 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 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>

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Principal Molly Poston via e-mail at mposton.sl@lee.k12.nc.us or via phone at 919-718-2400.

Sincerely,



Molly B. Poston