

Albemarle Road Middle School

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Dear Hornet Families,

Legislation (G.S. §115C-83.15) passed during the 2013 long session of the North Carolina General Assembly provides parents with an additional measure of school performance in the form of School Performance Grades. Beginning with the 2013–14 school year, the annual North Carolina School Report Cards display a letter grade of A, B, C, D, or F for each school in the state.

School Performance Grades are based **80 percent on our school's achievement score** (student proficiency) and **20 percent on students' academic growth**. At Albemarle Road Middle, our achievement score for the 2022-2023 school year is based on how well our students performed on the 2022-2023 NC EOG. This includes students' performance in Math, Reading, and 8th grade Science. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Albemarle Road Middle has been designated as a low-performing school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. As defined in G.S. 115C-105.37: "The State Board of Education shall identify low-performing schools on an annual basis. Low-performing schools are those that earn an overall school performance grade of D or F and a school growth score of "met expected growth" or "not met expected growth" as defined by G.S. 115C-83.15."

Albemarle Road Middle School received a School Performance Grade of **D** and a growth designation of **MET GROWTH** for the 2022–2023 school year. In **READING**, our students **EXCEEDED EXPECTED GROWTH** and in **Math**, our students **DID NOT MEET EXPECTED GROWTH**. Although we are committed to improving this score, it is important to remember that just as no one single score or grade tells the whole story of a student, neither does it tell you everything about the performance of a school or the opportunities that our school provides.

As a low-performing school, we are required to develop an improvement plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve both the school performance grade and school growth score. The plan will also include how the superintendent and other central office administrators in the district will work with us and monitor the progress of our school. We are already engaged in the work of refining our plan and will present the plan to our school board at their next meeting, on October 24, 2023, at 6:00 pm, where the plan will be presented for approval. The final plan will be available for review on our school website (<https://www.cmsk12.org/albemarle-road-MS>) after Board approval on October 24, 2023.

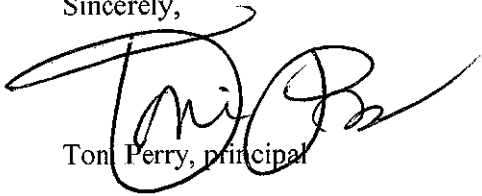
One of our top priorities for 2023–2024 is to improve our School Performance Grade. There are a number of key programs we have in place to help improve student performance. These include:

- Common assessments and interim assessment data meetings during PLCs and with the principal.
- Additional math instruction for select students during Academic Enrichment (32-minute intervention, daily).
- Use of online platforms for school and home use (IXL, Progress Learning, Dreambox, and iReady).
- Increasing alignment to the NC standards.
- Participating in ongoing professional development.
- Increasing parent education during after school activities

We hope you will closely follow your student's academic progress and work with his or her teacher(s) to help ensure they stay on track academically. Working together as a team, we can improve not only how well our students are performing individually, but how our school is performing as a whole. There is nothing more important to administrators and teachers at Albemarle Road Middle than ensuring students are ready for the next step in their academic careers. I look forward to working with you to make sure your child is on track for success.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our School Performance Grade and how we plan to improve, please don't hesitate to contact Toni Perry @ 980-343-6420 or toni.perry@cms.k12.nc.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Toni Perry', written over a printed name.

Toni Perry, principal

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Queridas familias de avispones:

Su próxima reunión, el 24 de octubre de 2023, a las 6:00 p.m., donde se presentará el plan para su aprobación. El plan final estará disponible para su revisión en el sitio web de nuestra escuela (<https://www.cmsk12.org/albemarleroadMS>) después de la aprobación de la Junta el 24 de octubre de 2023.

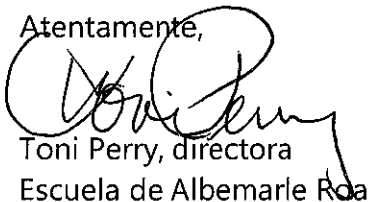
Una de nuestras principales prioridades para 2023-2024 es mejorar nuestra calificación de desempeño escolar. Hay una serie de programas clave que tenemos implementados para ayudar a mejorar el desempeño de los estudiantes. Éstas incluyen:

- Evaluaciones comunes y reuniones de datos de evaluaciones intermedias durante las PLC y con el director.
- Instrucción adicional de matemáticas para estudiantes selectos durante el Enriquecimiento Académico (intervención de 32 minutos, diariamente).
- Uso de plataformas en línea para uso escolar y doméstico (IXL, Progress Learning, Dreambox e iReady).
- Incrementar la alineación con los estándares NC.
- Participar en el desarrollo profesional continuo.

Esperamos que siga de cerca el progreso académico de su estudiante y trabaje con su(s) maestro(s) para ayudar a garantizar que se mantengan encaminados académicamente. Trabajando juntos como equipo, podemos mejorar no sólo el desempeño de nuestros estudiantes individualmente, sino también el desempeño de nuestra escuela en su conjunto. No hay nada más importante para los administradores y profesores de Albemarle Road Middle que garantizar que los estudiantes estén preparados para el siguiente paso en sus carreras académicas. Espero trabajar con usted para asegurarme de que su hijo esté encaminado hacia el éxito.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud sobre nuestra calificación de desempeño escolar y cómo planeamos mejorar, no dude en comunicarse con Toni Perry al 980-343-6420 o toni.perry@cms.k12.nc.us.

Atentamente,



Toni Perry, directora
Escuela de Albemarle Road