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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 Sedgefield Middle School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Sedgefield Middle School has been designated as a Comprehensive Support & Improvement Low-Performing (CSI-LP) school 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 schools in North Carolina are those 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 school, Sedgefield Middle 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
- 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 Sedgefield Middle School this year:

- By June 2022, Sedgefield students in grades 6-8 will meet 65% GLP and a 50% CCR in Reading as measured by performance on End-of-Grade Exams.
- By June 2022, Sedgefield students in grades 6-8 will meet 60% GLP and a 50% CCR in Math as measured by performance on End-of-Grade Exams.
- By June 2022, Sedgefield students in grades 7-8 will meet 95% GLP and 90% CCR in Math 1 as measured by performance on End of Course Exams.
- By June 2022, Sedgefield students in grade 8 will meet 65% GLP and a 50% CCR in Science as measured by performance on End-of-Grade Science exam.
- 75% of students in 6th-8th grade will meet or exceed projected growth from the beginning of the year on MAP assessment in both reading and math.
- 95% of SMS Scholars will attend school every day.

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 Sedgefield Middle School will be implementing:

- Co-Teaching and Resource support for Core Teachers, Exceptional Children, ELL and AIG.
- Addition of a Math Lead Teacher to assist with math classes and implementation of new math curriculum
- Implementing literacy skills into other core classes (science social studies and math)
- Professional Development on engagement strategies for higher-level learners.

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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 **Mrs. Sheena Miracle at 980-343-5840** 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: **Facebook: Sedgefield Middle School. Twitter: @sedgefieldcms.**
- Volunteer.
- Join the **Sedgefield Middle School PTO- smspto.org**

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:

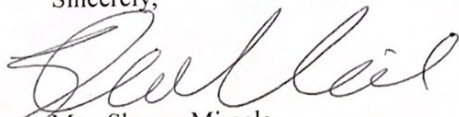
- Community in Schools- Brittany Altavilla – 980-343-5840
- Graduation requirements: www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/
- State student achievement test results: www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/
- N.C. School Report 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. Already, we have:

- Developing and implementing culture and career clubs
- Established and continued over 29 community partnerships

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact **Ms. Catherine Eldridge** at catherine.eldridge@cms.k12.nc.us or **980-343-5840**.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Sheena Miracle
Principal