



Ridgeview Charter School
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Dear Wolverine Parents and Guardians,

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent or guardian of a student at Ridgeview Charter School (RCS), I am writing this letter to inform you that RCS 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 identified the lowest performing schools Title I schools for comprehensive support and improvement. The intent of this designation is to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

As a CSI-LP school, RCS will develop a comprehensive plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve student achievement. The plan will also include how we will support our teachers, staff, and students and monitor our school's progress. 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 RCS this year:

- Improve ELA score by 3% from 26 % proficiency to 29%.
- Improve Math score by 3% from 20 % proficiency to 23%.
- Improve Science score by 3% from 21% proficiency to 23%.

Our students deserve to be proficient in all academic and extracurricular areas. This requires the focused attention and hard work from teachers, administrators, students, and families. To achieve this, RCS will be implementing the following:

- **Intensive Intervention Teams:** Composed of experienced educators, a psychologist, and support staff to work with students who are significantly below grade level or facing severe challenges.
- **One-on-One Tutoring:** Offered to students who require personalized attention and support by recruiting community volunteers, retired educators or college students as tutors.
- **Innovative Technology Solutions:** Invest in innovative educational technologies to provide personalized learning experiences and targeted interventions for struggling students by utilizing adaptive learning platforms to address individual learning gaps.
- **Specialized Professional Development:** Provide specialized training for teachers and staff to address the unique needs of students who have not responded to traditional interventions through collaboration with experts in special education, trauma-informed teaching, and behavior management.
- **Comprehensive School Redesign:** RCS will consider a comprehensive redesign of the school structure, curriculum, and instructional methods to meet all students' needs better. RCS will assess and recommend structural changes with educational consultants or experts.

Parent engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways we can work together:

- Ensure that both you and your student know the 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 RCS 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.
- Ensure your student is prepared and attends school daily, all 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.ridgeviewcharter.org.
- Volunteer.
- Join the Ridgeview Charter Community "The View" I Parent Teacher Organization

This sounds like a lot, but preparing our students for success is difficult and requires group effort. Here are some resources available to help:

- K-12 standards in academic subjects: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/academic-standards/standard-course-study>
- State student achievement test results: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/testing-and-school-accountability/school-accountability-and-reporting>
- N.C. School Report Cards: <https://ncreports.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:

- Updated Chromebooks and distributed them to students.
- Began targeted one-on-one tutoring before and after school.
- Improved alternative assessments.
- Developed opportunities for parent involvement.
- Increase community engagement.
- Engaged with educational experts on a comprehensive redesign.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact me directly at 704-867-6635 or rcsprincipal@ridgeviewcharter.org.

Sincerely,



Reshall L. Williams, Principal