

November 22, 2022



Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in Hurley Elementary School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Hurley Elementary, 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, Hurley Elementary 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 Hurley Elementary this year:

- ***Increase proficiency of all students in Math and Reading by 12%***
- ***We will cultivate interpersonal skills for all students as evidence by an increase of 5 percentage points in the following areas of Panorama: Emotion-Regulation, Self-Management, and Unique Life Goals.***
- ***Each grade level will have a minimum of 2 field trips outside of the school building to give our student positive exposures that will reinforce their passions.***

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 Hurley Elementary will be implementing:

- Hiring Full-Time MTSS Tutors to support academic growth, and social and emotional needs.
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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 Hurley Elementary, Jennifer Jennings (704) 638-3038 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 site [www.rssed.org/hes](http://www.rssed.org/hes).
- Volunteer.
- Join the Hurley PTA

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:

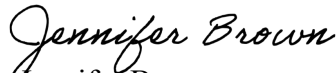
- Hurley Elementary and Community in Schools
- Graduation requirements: [www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/)
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: [www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/)
- State student achievement test results: [www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/)
- N.C. School Report Cards: <https://ncreports.ondemand.sas.com/src/?county=Rowan>

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

- Hurley House System that promotes a sense of belonging.
- 72% Decrease in discipline from 19/20 and 21/22
- A minimum of a 10% increase in EOG scores in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, ELA and Math
- We MET GROWTH in 21/22 school year.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Jerri Hunt, Director of Federal Programs at [jerri.hunt@rss.k12.nc.us](mailto:jerri.hunt@rss.k12.nc.us) or 704-680-6838.

Sincerely,



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Hurley Elementary