



# DAVIDSON RIVER SCHOOL

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## Transylvania County School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has been progressing successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student at Davidson River School, I am writing this letter to let you know that our school has been designated as a Comprehensive Support & Improvement Low-Graduation Rate (CSI-LG) school and a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) 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 support and improvement. CSI-LG schools in North Carolina are high schools that have a 4-year cohort graduation rate of less than 66.7%, while TSI-AT schools in North Carolina are those that have a subgroup that is under-performing. 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-LG and a TSI-AT school, Davidson River 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 Davidson River School this year:

- Decrease absenteeism by 5%
- Improve graduation rate by 5%
- Improve EOC scores by 5%

Our students need to experience higher achievement levels, but it will require hard work on the part of staff, students and families. 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 teachers.
- Call Jaime Dulberg, school counselor, at 884-9567 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 the progress of your student by making and attend meetings when asked.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact **Barbara Grimm** at [bgrimm@tcsnc.org](mailto:bgrimm@tcsnc.org) or 828-884-9567.

Sincerely,

Barbara Grimm, Principal