



# Wayne Preparatory Academy

"Creating a Legacy of Leadership and Learning"

December 18, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope this school year has been successful thus far for all of you. The General Assembly has finalized the budget and the Governor has signed it into law. As a part of the budget bill, the General Assembly has made some changes to the definition of a "Low Performing School", added a new definition and criteria for the "Low Performing District" and has given some specific guidance and direction to these schools and districts. As a parent/guardian of a student in Wayne Preparatory Academy, I am writing this letter to let you know that we have 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 design and implement a procedure to identify low-performing schools on an annual basis. Low-performing schools are those that receive a 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."

The School Performance Grades are based on student achievement (80%) and growth (20%). The indicators and the proficiency standard or benchmark used for achievement include:

1. Annual EOG mathematics and reading assessments in grades 3–8 and science assessments in grades 5 and 8 (Level 3 and above)
2. Annual EOC assessments in Math I, Biology, and English II (Level 3 and above)
3. The percentage of graduates who complete Math III, Algebra II, or Integrated Math III with a passing grade
4. The percentage of grade 11 students who achieve the minimum score required for admission into a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina on The ACT (composite score of 17)
5. The percentage of graduates identified as Career and Technical Education concentrators who meet the Silver Certificate or higher on the ACT WorkKeys assessment
6. The percentage of students who graduate within four years of entering high school (Standard [4-Year] Cohort Graduation Rate)

Wayne Preparatory Academy received a grade letter D and as a low performing school, is required to develop an improvement plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve the school performance grade. This plan will be available on the school website ([www.wpanc.org](http://www.wpanc.org)) under the Academic tab after the first of the year as well as on the NCDPI's website ([www.ncpublicschools.org](http://www.ncpublicschools.org)). We began work this summer to reflect upon our math and reading scores. We proactively identified a need to change our bell schedule to increase our math time and change our reading program. Our academic committee has already met once this year and will meet again in February to review our winter testing data. Our winter testing will take place in January and will have limited interruptions to the academic schedule. Look for the testing schedule on the website calendar under the Parent Information tab during the Christmas break.

Our school is focused on continuous improvement and we look forward to working with each of you as we continue to focus on creating a legacy of leadership and learning for our scholars. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any specific questions as we move through this process.

Sincerely,

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