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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), states are required to designate schools for support and improvement based on both schoolwide (Comprehensive Support and Improvement) and student group (Additional Targeted Support and Improvement) performance on a range of academic and student success measures.

The high school is one of many schools statewide (roughly 200) designated for Additional Targeted Support and Improvement. This designation is based on data suggesting the need to prioritize additional supports for our students with disabilities in the following areas: academic proficiency on state assessments, academic growth, and REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. This designation will provide opportunities for our school to partner with stakeholders to identify our school community's most pressing needs, select strategies to support those needs, and work together to implement the selected strategies.

The high school will be working on an action plan to assist our students with disabilities. In the future, we may be asking parents/guardians and students to complete annual surveys to assist us in the planning process. The high school continues to work hard every day to provide the best educational opportunities for our students so that they are prepared for the future. Thank you for helping your child to value a quality education.

Sincerely,
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Dr. Jesse T. Wallace, III