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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope that you and your child are having a good school year. As a parent/guardian of a student in Apple Valley Middle School, you are receiving this letter to let you know about a couple of our successes this year.

We are excited that Apple Valley is leading the way in county middle schools by being the first LEAD middle school in Henderson County. We are teaching our students the effective habits of middle schoolers, helping them find their voices by serving in leadership roles, and implementing a structured gender-based LEAD homeroom time in which our students get to practice our mission statement which is LEAD, LEARN, SERVE, OWN YOUR SUCCESS. On Mondays, they learn to LEAD in their own lives by having class meetings and having conversations with one another about various topics. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, students LEARN the effective habits of middle schoolers and complete work in their LEAD journals. On Wednesdays, students OWN their success by checking grades and attendance and setting goals. On Fridays, each homeroom SERVES our school and community with a service project of their choosing. We are excited about how LEAD is building school pride and helping our students grow as leaders in all areas of their lives.

As with any success, we also target room to grow and improve. This year, Apple Valley has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement- Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school and a Targeted Support & Improvement- Consistently Underperforming (TSI-CU) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. As stated in ESSA Section 1111(d)(2), North Carolina had to identify schools for targeted support and improvement. TSI-AT schools in North Carolina are those that have a subgroup that is under-performing. TSI-CU schools in North Carolina are those that have a subgroup that is consistently 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 TSI-AT / TSI-CU school, Apple Valley 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. For example, our comprehensive plan will address focus on the areas outlined in our school improvement plan, which can be found on our website, or through this link: <http://www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org/district/about-us/school-improvement-plans/>

Parent engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways you can help:

- Make sure that both you and your student are aware of the academic expectations set for your student this school year. A list of learning objectives in a student-friendly language is available from your student's teacher(s).
- Call Molly Johnson or Annie Sunday 828-697-4545 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 virtual classes each day.
- Monitor your student's google classrooms.
- 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.

Preparing our students so that they can succeed is not easy and is a group effort. If you are interested in accessing additional resources that can help your child or your child's school, please contact your child's teacher/s or the principal.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Katelyn Davis at 828-697-4545.

Sincerely,
Katelyn Davis