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Dear Parent:

Once a year the state of North Carolina provides you with updates on your school's achievements through the North Carolina School Report Card – which includes important information about school and student performance, class sizes, attendance, school safety, instructional resources, and teacher quality. There also is information about how our school measured against federal Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO) targets in our school.

This is the fourth year the N.C. General Assembly is requiring that schools receive individual letter grades, which are comprised of student achievement (80 percent) and growth (20 percent) on state standardized assessments.

In 2016-2017, Hendersonville Elementary's overall school performance grade was an "A+." We are especially proud of the fact that we grew in overall performance from the previous school year. We are outperforming the state averages for the percentage of students passing End-of Grade exams in all subjects and at all grade levels.

We also met all 10 of our federally defined AMO target goals and consistently have a high daily attendance rate of 96 percent. Each one of our teachers is highly qualified, 38 percent have advanced degrees, and nine are National Board Certified – an optional intensive certification process with high standards for educators.

The numbers only tell part of the story. At Hendersonville Elementary we are proud of the many recognitions we have received in recent years, including being named a North Carolina STEM School of Distinction. We were the only elementary school in Western North Carolina to receive this recognition.

Hendersonville Elementary is focused on student learning. We implement the best researched-based strategies to meet the needs of our students. We offer tutoring, remediation camps, and Bonus Learning Time enrichment classes. Also, we are incorporating the use of technology to prepare our students for 21st century learning with project-based learning, and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) units.

As a flex-schedule school, we have the opportunity to provide year-round learning, celebrating the seasons as your child grows and learns! Collaborating with parents, community, and schools provides our students with the best support and educational instruction for the success of all students.

Thank you for your investment in your child's school, and for supporting our efforts to provide your child with a high-quality education!

Sincerely,

Kerry Stewart, Principal