



Hillandale Elementary School

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Dear Hillandale Parents:

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, school safety, instructional resources, and teacher quality.

There is also information about how our school measured against federal Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO) targets in our school.

This is the fourth year the NC 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, Hillandale Elementary received an overall grade of "C" from the State of North Carolina and met the NC Department of Public Instruction's growth expectations for the school year. In other words, students at Hillandale Elementary achieved one year's academic growth! We believe this performance data shows how hard students and teachers at Hillandale are working every day.

Additionally, Hillandale is a school with a diverse student population, and we met all performance targets for our student subgroups. We are proud of our student population that is diverse economically, academically, and demographically. Indeed, it is our student diversity that makes our school climate so rich and unique.

But these numbers tell only part of the story. The Hillandale school program is aligned in every way with our vision statement: *Every student will love learning and be a caring, confident, and contributing citizen.* At Hillandale, we are focused on success for every child; we want our students to be prepared for a bright future as responsible and happy citizens. We use Stephen Covey's "7 Habits for Highly Effective People" to grow leadership potential in our students and staff. All students at Hillandale are members of a Synergy Team based on their interests, and every student has the opportunity to join STEM initiatives including BMX Camp and Percussion Camp, as well as drama and choral performance groups.

Our attention this year is on improving student performance and increasing student proficiency across the board. Teachers are developing learning tasks and assessments that are increasingly rigorous and supportive of critical thinking. For students who aren't making progress, teachers are developing targeted interventions based on ongoing assessments. We are also looking at specific data sources, primarily Reading 3D and benchmarks, as ongoing indicators of progress and areas for concern.

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,

Jenny Moreno, Principal



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