

**Henderson County Career Academy
at The Innovative High School**

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

At Henderson County Career Academy, our staff greatly appreciates the support shown to us by our students, families, and community as we start the 2021-22 school year. As we all navigate through the challenges of returning this new school year, our students have successfully begun to reconnect with our staff and have exhibited a commitment to being engaged learners.

Even with this successful start to our year, we continue to focus on ways that our school can grow and improve in order to better serve all students. This year, Career Academy has been designated as a Comprehensive Support & Improvement Low-Graduation Rate (CSI-LG) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. As stated in ESSA Section 1111(c)(4)(D)(i), North Carolina had to identify schools for comprehensive support and improvement. CSI-LG schools in North Carolina are high schools that have a 4-year cohort graduation rate of less than 66.7%. 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 CSI-LG school, Career Academy 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 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 child are aware of academic expectations set for your student this school year. A list of learning objectives in student-friendly language is available from your child's teacher(s).
- Call our Counseling Department at 697-4629 if you have questions or concerns about your child or to set up an appointment to meet with our counselor Ms. Lisa Hill who will be working with your child.
- Make sure that your child is prepared and attends school each day.
- Monitor your child's homework.
- Monitor the progress your student is making and attend meetings with your child's teacher(s).
- Keep track of our website at <http://www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org/ehh/>.

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), counselor, or the principal.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact me at scauten@hcpnsc.org or 828.697.4629.

Sincerely,



Shannon Auten
Principal