



**Durham Performance Learning Center  
Holton Career and Resource Center**

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October 22, 2021

Dear Families,

I am writing to inform you that PLC/Holton has been designated as a Targeted Support and Improvement-Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) as well as a Comprehensive Supportschool 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. 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 TSI-AT and CSI-LG school, PLC/Holton 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. The comprehensive plan will address the following areas: Classroom Management, Standards-aligned Instruction, Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), Instructional Leadership, Recruitment & Retention of Effective Teachers, Support for Grade-to-Grade Transitions, Implementation of a Tiered Instructional System, Data-Driven Decision Making, Student Support Services, and Family and Community Engagement.

We have set the following goals for PLC/Holton this year:

- We will Increase parent involvement by holding a Monthly Family Night.
- By the end of 21-22, we will reach proficiency rates of 17%, 25.9%, and 25% in English II, Biology, and Math III, respectively.
- By the end of 21-22, we will increase our Cohort Graduation Rate by 10%.

Our students need to experience higher achievement levels, and it will require hard work on the part of staff, students and families. Here are some strategies PLC/Holton will be implementing:

- Reading Plus will be used by DPLC students in grades 9-12 that demonstrate below grade level reading.
- Remote Remediation and support to allow students more focused individualized support with their teachers.
- Targeted graduation plan for each graduating student to ensure they will graduate with a plan for life beyond high school.
- Student and Family Academic Progress Meetings to increase student attendance, improve academic progress, and decrease negative behaviors.

Parent/Family 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 academic expectations set for your student this school year. A list of learning objectives in student-friendly language is available from your student's teacher(s).
- Call your student's counselor or their teachers at 919-560-9190 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 your student is prepared and attends school each day.
- Monitor your student's coursework on Canvas and Edmentum.
- Monitor and limit the amount of time your student spends watching television and playing video games.
- Monitor the progress your student is making and attend meetings with your student's teacher(s).
- Volunteer.

Sounds like a lot but we owe it to our students to work together to prepare them well for life after graduation. Here are



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some resources available to help:

- Graduation requirements: [www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/)
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: [www.ncpublicschools.org/acre/standards/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/acre/standards/)
- State student achievement test results: [www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/)
- N.C. School Report Cards: [www.ncreportcards.org/](http://www.ncreportcards.org/)

We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your student. Already, :

- Students have earned over 60 credits this semester to date!
- We have had two Family Night Events this year!
- We have over 20 students receiving tutoring support to reach their graduation goals!

We look forward to partnering with you as we work together – to *ignite the limitless potential* of all of our children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kesha D. Futurell".

Principal Kesha D. Futurell  
PLC Holton