

August 14, 2019

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Highland Elementary School would like to invite you to attend our annual Title I meeting on August 22nd from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM during our scheduled open house. Time will be spent discussing our school's participation in Title I, Part A Programs, the requirements of Title I participation, and your rights to be involved in the programs offered. We will spend time revising our school's Title I Parent Involvement Plan and reviewing grade level curriculum at this meeting as well.

Title I, Part A: Improving Academic Achievement of Disadvantaged Students – Basic Programs

Title I is a federally funded program under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015. The purpose of the Title I program is to promote quality education for all students and to prepare underperforming students to meet academic content and performance standards. Schools qualify for Title I funds based on economic need. The Title I program offers a variety of services for participating schools, which may include additional teachers and support staff, extra time for instruction, a variety of teaching methods and materials, smaller classes and additional training for staff. Title I prompts schools to conduct comprehensive needs assessments to inform the implementation of specific interventions aimed to improve the performance of those subgroups farthest behind.

Title I, Part A in Harnett County Schools

The Title I program in Harnett County spans kindergarten through fifth grade and works collaboratively with the K-2 and 3-5 Programs in order to align supplemental initiatives with existing instructional practices. Each of the seventeen K-5 schools operates a school-wide Title I program allowing funds to serve all students. Title I supports Harnett County Schools in implementing strategies that are research-based, aligned to the North Carolina Standard Course of Study, and linked to district and school goals. Select programs are used consistently across the district to ensure continuity of services from school to school. Schools also develop site-based needs assessments to identify and implement additional programs according to the needs of their student population.

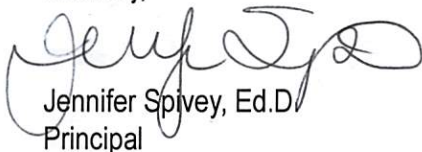
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Areas of focus for resources and funding during the 2019-20 school year are listed below.

- Core and Intervention Instruction Support by K-5 Instructional Coaches
- Problem-Solving Model implementation for analyzing and improving core foundational instruction and making data-informed decisions regarding individual student needs
- Professional development opportunities for K-5 teachers
- Reading Recovery Program implementation
- Reduction of class size
- Supplemental tutoring model utilizing Title I funding (based on a per pupil allocation)
- Summer at-home reading plan
- Technology instruction

We are looking forward to a year of educational success and improvement for all students. We hope to see you at our Title I/Curriculum meeting where we will share our plans for achieving this goal.

Sincerely,


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 Principal