



Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy

A Tuition Free Public Charter School

November 3, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I am writing this letter to let you know that the State Board of Education has found that the school has earned an overall school performance grade of D and a school growth score of 57.8. The school has not met expected growth and has been identified as a continually low-performing school as defined by G.S. 115C-105.37.

SCSA will develop a comprehensive plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve student achievement. The final school improvement plan will be made available through the school's website in December.

The comprehensive plan will address the following areas:

- Classroom Management
- Standards-aligned Instruction
- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
- Instructional Leadership
- Recruitment & Retention of Effective Teachers
- Implementation of a Tiered Instructional System
- Data-Driven Decision Making
- Student Support Services
- Family and Community Engagement

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Many improvement strategies have already been put into place including:

- Hiring a full-time instructional coach to support teachers.
- Hiring a full-time interventionist to support at-risk students by providing tier 3 instruction for small groups.
- Revising the master schedule to provide additional protected time for interventions.
- Requiring all students in grades 5-8 who are not grade-level proficient to take intensive reading and/or math in lieu of electives.
- Providing after school tutorial camps for students in grades 3-8 who are below grade level expectations based on fall benchmark assessment data.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact me at sbarnes@scstemacademy.org

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