



Riverside Leadership Academy

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Dear RLA families,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Riverside Leadership Academy has earned an overall school performance grade of "D" or "F" on the 2024-2025 state report card. Under G.S. 115C-218.65, charter schools are required to provide notice of the grade in writing to the parents or guardians of all students enrolled in that school.

For the 2024-2025 school year, Riverside Leadership Academy received a performance grade of "D" and a growth status of Not Met. While we recognize the significance of these scores, it's essential to remember that no single grade can fully capture the rich and diverse experiences our students have at RLA. As a school, we witnessed great growth in our scholars, both academically and socially. We saw their soft skills, such as collaboration, team work, leadership, communication, and public speaking, improve immensely, as our scholars proudly presented individual and group projects throughout their first year at RLA.

Given that 2024-2025 was our first year in operation, and we served students in grades K-7 from all over Craven County and outside of Craven County, we look forward to seeing growth in our performance data as we continue to promote our scholars' learning experiences through the variety of instructional opportunities we offer. We take pride in focusing on project-based learning, which allows our scholars a much more hands-on approach to learning and contributes to a well-rounded education for our students. We believe that our continued focus on this approach to curriculum will empower our scholars to become stewards of their learning, and that this approach will strengthen their academic performance in all areas, including mandated state assessments.

One of our top priorities for this school year is to show growth for our scholars and to advance our School Performance Grade. We are implementing several key programs and strategies aimed at bolstering student performance, including:

- A continued focus on Project-Based Learning, with a commitment to deepen our scholars' understanding of all elements of PBL.
- Continued emphasis on our Social-Emotional Program, Responsive Classroom, to continue to build our school culture, as we have added almost 200 students to our school community for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Building a culture of inquiry, autonomy, and high expectations academically for our scholars over the upcoming years, as we continue to grow as a school community.

We encourage you to closely monitor your student's academic progress and collaborate with their teachers to ensure they remain on track. By working together as a united front, we can significantly enhance both individual student achievement and overall school performance. Attending student-led conferences and your scholar's PBL presentations of learning further facilitates our collaboration to ensure all of our scholars are succeeding both academically and holistically.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our School Performance Grade or our improvement plan, please do not hesitate to contact school administration. Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we continue on our *quest to success* at Riverside Leadership Academy.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director