



Pittman Elementary Leadership Academy

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Ms. Jewel Marrow, Principal

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Legislation (G.S. §115C-83.15) passed during the 2013 long session of the North Carolina General Assembly provides parents with an additional measure of school performance in the form of School Performance Grades. Beginning with the 2013–14 school year, the annual North Carolina School Report Cards display a letter grade of A, B, C, D, or F for each school in the state.

The School Performance Grades are based on 80 percent on our school's achievement score (student proficiency) and 20 percent on students' academic growth. At Pittman Elementary Leadership Academy, our achievement score for the 2022-2023 school year is based on how well our students performed on Grades 3–5 Mathematics, Grades 3–5 English Language Arts/Reading, and Grade 5 Science.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that **Pittman Elementary Leadership Academy** has been designated as a low performing school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. As defined in G.S. 115C-105.37: "The State Board of Education shall identify low-performing schools on an annual basis. Low-performing schools are those that earn an overall school performance grade of D or F and a school growth score of "met expected growth" or "not met expected growth" as defined by G.S. 115C-83.15."

Pittman Elementary Leadership Academy received a School Performance Grade of F and a growth designation of Met Growth for the 2022–2023 school year. Although we are committed to improving this score, it is important to remember that just as no one single score or grade tells the whole story of a student, neither does it tell you everything about the performance of a school or the opportunities that our school provides. Pittman Elementary has provided our students many enrichment opportunities such as:

- Eagle Eyewitness News
- Safety Patrol,
- SGA,
- Mentorships,
- Instructional field trips
- STEM/STEAM projects.

As a low performing school, we are required to develop an improvement plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve both the school performance grade and school growth score. The plan will also include how the superintendent and other central office administrators in the district will work with us and monitor the progress of our school. We are already engaged in the work of refining our plan and



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the final plan will be available for review at www.halifax.k12.nc.us/pittman

One of our top priorities for 2023–2024 is to improve our School Performance Grade. There are a number of key programs we put in place to help improve student performance. These include:

- Multi-Classroom Leader will provide extra support in reading for grades 3, 4, and 5
- Tutors and instructional support staff will provide extra support in the classrooms for grades 3-5 and for our 1st and 2nd grade scholars
- Grades 3-5 math and ELA and 5th grade science have a 90 minute block of uninterrupted instruction.
- Instruction is aligned to the standards and monitored weekly.
- Performance Assessments (i.e. exit tickets) to ensure mastery and understanding
- Weekly data meetings for teachers and administrators to analyze data to determine students strengths, weaknesses and next steps.
- Ongoing Professional Development for teachers and staff

We hope you will closely follow your student's academic progress and work with his or her teacher(s) to help ensure they stay on track academically. Working together as a team, we can improve not only how well our students are performing individually, but how our school is performing as a whole. There is nothing more important to administrators and teachers at Pittman Elementary Leadership Academy than ensuring students are ready for the next step in their academic careers. I look forward to working with you to make sure your student is on track for success.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our School Performance Grade and how we plan to improve, please don't hesitate to contact Jewel Marrow at 252-445-5268. My email is marrowj@pi.halifax.k12.nc.us

Educationally yours,

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