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## Dear Parent/Guardian:

I am writing this letter to notify you that <u>Pactolus Global School</u> has been dually designated as both a North Carolina Low-Performing school and a federally identified Additional Targeted Support & Improvement (ATSI) 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." Legislation (G.S. §115C-83.15) passed during the 2013 long North Carolina General Assembly session 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.

School Performance Grades are based 80 percent on our school's achievement score (student proficiency) and 20 percent on students' academic growth. At <u>Pactolus Global School</u>, our achievement score for the <u>2024-2025</u> school year is based on how well our students performed on <u>Grades 3–8 Mathematics</u>, <u>Grades 3–8 English Language Arts/Reading</u>, <u>Grades 5 and 8 Science</u>, <u>and NC Math 1</u>, <u>and additional indicators including English Learner Progress</u>. <u>Pactolus Global School</u> received a School Performance Grade of <u>D</u> and a growth designation of Met for the <u>2024-2025</u> school year.

In addition, per the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Section 1111(d)(2)(C), schools receive the federal identification of TSI-AT in North Carolina by having one or more of the following subgroups receive a subgroup performance grade score at or below the lowest 5% of schools across the state during the <u>2024-2025</u> academic year; and being identified as a consistently underperforming subgroup for the previous year. Subgroup performance scores are provided for the following subgroups of students: (1) Students with Disabilities, (2) Economically Disadvantaged, (3) Black, (4) White, (5) Hispanic, (6) Asian-Pacific Islander, (7) Multi-racial, and (8) English Learners.

As a dually designated ATSI and NC low-performing school, <u>Pactolus Global School</u> is required to develop a comprehensive improvement plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve student achievement. The plan will also include strategies that our district or charter will employ to support <u>Pactolus Global School's</u> improvement efforts. The comprehensive improvement 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
- Family and Community Engagement

## We have set the following goals for <u>Pactolus Global School</u> this year:

- By June of 2026, processes and systems will be established in order to ensure a high-quality, high-performing staff with a special emphasis on our 5th grade team increasing between 5%-10% from their 2024-2025 baseline.
- By June 2026, Pactolus will decrease the number of discipline referrals that result in a loss of instructional time (e.g., out-of-school suspension, in-school suspension, or class removals) by 5% (78%) from the 2024-2025 baseline (83%).
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Here are some strategies that <u>Pactolus Global School</u> will be implementing to improve student outcomes:

- Training all staff on Capturing Kids' Hearts
- Utilizing Social Contracts and the CKH discipline model
- Utilizing the DESSA to support student needs

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- Focusing on PLC processes
- Incorporating an Educator Coaching Model
- Restructuring and reassigning classrooms
- Training teachers in trauma based learning
- Incorporating Peer Mediation
- Incorporating remediation/enrichment programs in targeted areas for students

Parent engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways you can help:

- Ensure you and your child know the academic expectations for your child this school year. A list of learning objectives in student-friendly language is available from your child's teacher(s).
- Call the school if you have questions or concerns about your child or to set up an appointment to meet with a school staff member who will be working with your child.
- Make sure that your child is prepared and attends school each day.
- Monitor your child's homework.
- Monitor the progress your child is making and attend meetings with your child's teacher(s).
- Keep track of our website and social media sites www.facebook.com/pactolusschool/.
- Volunteer.
- Join the **Parent Teacher Organization**

Additionally, listed below are a few resources available to help:

- Graduation requirements: <a href="https://www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/">www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/</a>
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: <a href="www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/">www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/</a>
- State student achievement test results: <u>www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/</u>
- N.C. School Report Cards: https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards

We are committed to improving student performance. 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. The intent of receiving these designations is to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction. We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your child. Already, we have:

- Have gained the 2nd highest reading and math scores in school history for two years straight
- Significantly raised our Achievement Level and Student Proficiency Rates
- Moved the school to being 2 points away from the next letter grade designation
- Met and/or Exceeded growth for several of our subgroups

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Mrs. Lucas at lucask@pitt.k12.nc.us or 252-752-6941.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Lucas, Principal