

Dear Stakeholders,

The 2012-2013 has been one of great successes. Last year we had an absolute rating from At Risk to average due to the ESEA rating scale of an A-. Throughout the year we have relied heavily on placement tests and MAP data to determine the best classes for every student.

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Throughout the year the teachers at Northwoods engaged in professional development that targeted the Mastery teaching Model, student engagement, and Action-Based learning. Our teachers meet weekly to strategically plan engaging, meaningful lessons for our students in addition to monthly department and CORE meetings. Teachers also review student data on a consistent basis through regularly scheduled “data days” with the principal.

This year we implemented the district initiative to provide reading intervention to a targeted group of students. They provided us with a Mastery Reading Teacher and three Associate Reading Teachers to give additional instructional support to students. As a school we decided to mirror this program to include math interventions as well. Since the beginning of the school, the students have continued to make progress.

This year we also implemented mandatory report card pick up nights each quarter. This initiative has been both well received and attended by our parents. It allows parents to meet with teachers and have student progress conferences with teachers on a quarterly basis.

As a school we remain committed to the social and extracurricular development of our students. Northwoods continues to provide a variety of academic and non-academic activities and clubs. Teachers at Northwoods provided after school tutoring and PASS PUSH activities for all students. In addition to this, our students this year continued to participate in CLASSY Ladies and WISE Guys. We also participated in the Trident and Recreational basketball and football leagues. Next year, 2013/2014 we plan on expanding our Related Arts program to include Chorus, Creative Writing, and additional classes of STEMS.

As we prepare for next year, we look forward to continuing to meet the academic challenges that lay before us. Northwoods is committed to making decisions that we believe will move our school closer to an “Excellent” school. We are confident that our students are capable of achieving high academic levels if provided with the tools and time necessary for success. We are committed to making our vision of student success a reality. Nighthawks SOAR!

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