

Dear North Central High School Parents:

It is the mission of North Central High School to partner with our community, to empower students to become competent, responsible, lifelong learners who will be productive citizens in a global society. It is with great pleasure that I inform you this mission is being accomplished through the hard work and collaboration of teachers, students, parents, and administration.

The 2012-2013 school year has been one of achievement, reflection, and self-study. This year our school has reflected on its past accomplishments and has written a new five year School Renewal Plan and underwent the process of SACS/AdvancEd Accreditation. Through this self-study the North Central staff developed three primary focus areas for the next three years: helping our free/reduced lunch students meet the proficient and advanced levels of student achievement, closing the achievement gap between white and other ethnic groups, and helping our special needs students meet the minimal standards needed to pass the HSAP, EOC Tests, and graduate.

Our previous goals for the past five years have been to increase our first-time HSAP passage rate, Longitudinal HSAP passage rate, our EOC passage rate, and our graduation rate. From our current scores (HSAP 78%, LHSAP 95.1%, EOC 69%, grad rate 81%), we believe that many of the strategies that were previously put into place are making a tremendous difference for our students. This increase in student achievement is also supported by our meeting AYP for the 2011-2012 school year with a 79 average; however, in order to continue to increase these numbers, we will need to focus on some of the underlying factors that are contributing to our subgroup performance in the area of disabilities and non-white ethnic groups. Based on our scores, we believe that a major contributing factor to this performance discrepancy is due to our weaknesses in the area of literacy. We believe that by focusing our efforts in the areas of reading and writing, we will come one step closer to achieving our goal of closing the achievement gap.

Other highlights from the 2012-2013 include many extracurricular achievements. Our football, wrestling, and baseball teams finished 2nd in our region. Volleyball, cheer and tennis won our region championships. Also, our school clubs raised thousands of dollars for local charities.

As you can see, North Central High School is committed to making sure that all students have the chance to gain the needed skills to leave our beloved school and compete in the global workforce. We look forward to working with all of our stakeholders as we continue this mission.

Worth Thomasson, Principal

Steve Leigh, SIC Chairperson