

## William Davies Middle School

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Dear Parents and Families,

Our school district was recently notified by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) that William Davies Middle School had been identified as a school “in need of support and improvement” for consistently underperforming student group(s).

Expectations for high-quality education are outlined in the Federal Education Law, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), and New Jersey's corresponding state plan, which was developed in collaboration with parents, educators, and community members throughout New Jersey. This state plan describes how the NJDOE must identify schools most in need of improvement and then work with the district to support schools so that every child can learn and thrive in the school community.

New Jersey holds all its schools to a high-performance standard so that every child receives the best education. We at Davies remain committed to working with you while establishing the highest expectations for your child and then working hard to assist them in achieving these expectations.

In the coming months, we will work as a community to examine our students' academic results in-depth. Then, together with the input from our staff and families, we will build a plan with specific student goals, action steps, and timelines for improvement. These academic results give us critical insight that allows us to examine how to best utilize the resources we have that will address our student's needs and the needs of our educators who support them.

In addition, the NJDOE remains committed to supporting our school community as we improve outcomes for our students. This commitment includes assisting us as we work with stakeholders to identify our needs, determine essential strategies for improvement, and create plans based on these identified needs.

I encourage you to learn more about ESSA by visiting the NJDOE's website at [www.state.nj.us/education/ESSA](http://www.state.nj.us/education/ESSA), and the NJDOE homepage [www.state.nj.us/education](http://www.state.nj.us/education) provides links to other helpful education information in the state of New Jersey.

We are committed to improving this status and will continue to provide your child with the best opportunities to learn, grow, and succeed.

We thank you for your support and look forward to working with you this year.

Faithfully in Education,

*Jennifer Holmstrom*

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**Believe we can...Together.**