

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. As the Superintendent of Uwharrie Charter Academy, I am writing to share important information regarding your child's school and its participation in the **Title I, Part A** program under the **Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)**, as amended by the **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**.

Title I is a federally funded program that provides financial assistance to schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families. These funds help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards, regardless of economic background.

What This Means for Your School:

Your child's school, Uwharrie Charter Academy, qualifies as a Title I school and receives Title I funding to support student achievement. These resources are used to provide:

- Additional academic support and learning opportunities, such as tutoring and after-school programs
- Instructional staff and materials to strengthen the educational program
- Family engagement activities designed to strengthen partnerships between home and school
- Professional development for teachers and staff to better meet students' needs

Your Rights as a Parent:

As a parent of a child attending a Title I school, you have the right to:

- Be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I program
- Request information about the qualifications of your child's teachers
- Receive regular information on your child's academic progress and school performance
- Participate in family engagement activities designed to support your child's learning at home and school

Working Together for Success:

We recognize that families are our most valuable partners in education. We are committed to maintaining open communication and providing opportunities for you to be involved in your child's education. In the coming weeks, you will receive additional information about our Title I Annual Meeting and ways you can participate in your school's Title I program.

If you have any questions about Title I services or your rights as a parent, please feel free to contact your child's principal or the Title I Coordinator at beth_kearns@uwharriecharter.org

Thank you for your continued support of our schools and students. Together, we can ensure that every child receives a high-quality education and achieves their fullest potential.

Sincerely,
Dr. Sharon S. Castelli