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Underwood Elementary is dedicated to providing all students with an excellent education so that each child can succeed in school and in life. To ensure your child's success, we have set high standards that are reflected in what is taught in our classrooms. In the coming school year we will look at multiple assessment measures that indicate how our school is succeeding. This will ensure that we reach our goal of all children succeeding in school and in life.

This year Underwood Elementary has been designated as a Continuous Improvement School. This is the result of the school being among the 25 percent of Title I schools with the lowest performance on the state's Multiple Measurement Rating (MMR), which measures school performance on student proficiency, academic growth, and achievement gap reduction.

Continuous Improvement Schools must use student performance data to undergo a needs assessment. A needs assessment is a systematic process whereby we analyze school data in order to make decisions on how to improve the school. We will undertake that process in the coming weeks and months, and will use the results of the needs assessment to create a school improvement plan aimed at helping all students reach their full potential. In order to accomplish this important work, we will put together an improvement team which includes a variety of stakeholders, including parents.

Families and communities will be at the center of our school improvement plan. Your engagement and support in your child's education is critical to his or her success. Contact your child's teacher(s) with how you can best support the work they are doing in the classroom. All staff email addresses and the school phone numbers are posted on our school's website.