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Dear Swenson Arts and Technology High School Families,

I write to share that our school has been identified as an Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (A-TSI) school by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). Our school is one of roughly 200 A-TSI schools statewide that will receive targeted support for students who need additional help to succeed academically.

These changes are part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which replaced No Child Left Behind (NCLB) in 2015. As part of ESSA, PDE changed the way it supports schools across the state to ensure Pennsylvania's students are prepared to enter college and the workforce.

Similar to Philadelphia's School Progress Report (SPR), the state is relying less on standardized tests and focusing more on what we know matters most to the success of our students. The SPR is still the best place for you to learn how our school is doing and follow our progress.

I look forward to sharing additional information as it becomes available. If you would like to learn more, you can visit the PDE website at [www.futureready.pa.org](http://www.futureready.pa.org).

Thank you for your continued support as we work to ensure that every child in our school succeeds.

Sincerely,

Colette Langston  
Principal