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Dear Central Middle School Mustang Family,

Today, the Louisiana Department of Education released School Performance Scores (SPS) for the 2017 – 2018 school year. We are so excited to announce that Central Middle School achieved an overall score of **85.7**, earning a **“B”** rating.

At Central Middle School, we have a strategic focus on rigorous learning for all. We are specifically focused on increasing cognitive engagement and high accountability for critical thinking and writing. The following graphic reflects our growth over the last years:

2016-2017 OLD Calculator	2017-2018 OLD Calculator	2016-2017 NEW ESSA Calculator	2017-2018 NEW ESSA Calculator
94.1 B	104 A	Status: B	Status: B
		Progress Points: 87.2 - B	Progress Points: 99.9 - A
		Overall: 79.3 - B	Overall: 85.7 - B

Highlights and trends:

1. Overall school performance score grew 6.4 points from last year to this year on the new ESSA calculator.
2. Student Progress Index is a 99.9 – A. This is 12.7 points of growth.
3. State Top Gains Honoree
4. ELA grew 6% in growth to mastery.
5. Math grew 2% in growth to mastery.
6. Social Studies grew 10% in growth to mastery.
7. Algebra 1 Honors and English 1 Honors: 98% of students scored Mastery or Advanced with a 100% passage rate on the End of Course Exams in both subjects.

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8. Students earned high school credit in the areas of Algebra 1 Honors, English 1 Honors, Keyboarding 1, Health, and Journey to Careers.
9. We are providing math cluster (job-embedded professional development) for teachers as they implement strategies to support math instruction and improve quality of student work

We attribute our growth to our intentional efforts around three C's: Culture, Curriculum and Collaboration. We had a strong focus on improving the quality of student work through professional learning communities. We focused on being intentional in our feedback to increase the quality of work being produced and also our feedback to teachers regarding quality instruction in the classrooms. [Here is a snapshot of just a few samples of our work.](#)

Next steps:

- Continue to work on math with a specific focus on supporting students and teachers in curriculum needs and changes
- Provide after school tutoring and interventions in the areas of ELA and math
- Students are currently offered Robotics as an extracurricular activity, but we will increase our efforts with STEM classes next year.
- Deepen our work with critical thinking in all content areas, especially math

How parents can support us:

- Resource links – [Homework LA](#), [DOE Family Support Toolbox](#)
- Make sure your child attends enrichment and intervention opportunities.
- Communicate with teachers when students are having difficulty.
- Monitor student work progress through Google classroom, Blackboard and Powerschool.
- Be sure to sign up for school and classroom communication links through Remind 101, our School App and Social media. [See attached flyer.](#)

For more information about the state's scoring system, visit the [Louisiana DOE](#) site.

Congratulations to our students and staff for pursuing excellence every day! We have so much to CELEBRATE with our amazing Mustang Family! And thanks to our parents for your continued support!

Sincerely,
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