



## CENTRAL SQUARE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The US Department of Education approved New York's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan in January 2018. In developing the plan, NYSED engaged diverse groups of stakeholders to solicit recommendations on how to craft an ESSA plan that best meets the needs of the state's students, schools, and communities. The plan emphasizes fostering equity in education for all students and expands measures for school accountability and student success. If you would like to learn more about ESSA, visit <http://www.nysed.gov/essa>.

As part of this accountability process, our District is one of the many school districts that have been recently designated as a Targeted District (TD) under ESSA. Specifically, the Middle School has been identified as a Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school. The reason for that designation is related to lack of overall student growth and performance of some specific subgroups.

As part of these designations we will now be part of a review process with the New York State Education Department to help identify strengths and weaknesses of our current programs. This is a continuous improvement process that will continue until the appropriate levels of growth are shown. The Middle School and the District administration, will be actively working with the NYS Education Department to create a strategic plan to address the academic performance of our students. In the next few weeks, you will be asked to participate in a survey that will assist us in creating our plan.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the accountability of the District, please contact Concetta Galvan at [cgalvan@cssd.org](mailto:cgalvan@cssd.org). If you have questions or concerns regarding the accountability of the Middle School, please contact Matt Penrod, MS Principal, at [mpenrod@cssd.org](mailto:mpenrod@cssd.org).

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Colabufo  
Superintendent