Greetings,

As part of an integrated school-wide effort, I am writing to you to share a new academic support system that Hickman High School has developed to help students be successful. Juniors and seniors who struggle academically this school year have been assigned a focus lab.

A focus lab is designed to help students use their time at school completing homework and studying for tests. A focus lab is a structured study hall. A teacher will help tutor, organize assignments, maintain grades, and ensure students use this time productively.

As a study hall teacher, I will check your student’s grades on a regular basis to ensure he or she is taking care of business in all core classes. If needed, your student will be placed into a focus lab and removed from study hall. The student will have access to tutors and other resources to help him or her be more successful in the core classes – Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. At a later date, grades will be reviewed and if your student is passing with a 68% or higher and has permission from the core teacher, he or she will be placed back into study hall.

The focus lab is **not** designed to be a punishment for students, but a way to ensure they are doing the necessary work to be successful. Students will learn specific details about the class and the expectations in the beginning days of the school year.

We look forward to working with you and your student to create a successful and exciting year for everyone!