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Dear TCS School Board,

Attached for your review and approval is a three-year plan for our district's Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) program.

To ensure compliance with legislation entitled *Article 9B, Academically or Intellectually Gifted Students* (N.C.G.S. § 115C-150.05-.08), the State Board of Education and DPI have developed six program standards, each with several practices, for developing, coordinating, and implementing thoughtful and comprehensive AIG programs, while still honoring local flexibility.

Our plan comprises very specific district responses to each of those stated practices. Please note: prior to calling for the new plan, the State Board of Education updated many of the practices in many standards to focus on ensuring equity and excellence for gifted learners. Our AIG teachers and specialists worked closely with instructional leaders at each school to conduct thorough reviews and self-assessments based on this new focus.

This new plan describes *both* our current, ongoing actions that contribute to comprehensive services practices *and* our planned steps for improvement.

I look forward to formally presenting this plan to you and responding to questions at your upcoming meeting.

Yours respectfully,

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