



Dear Parent/Guardian,

An exciting support program is now offered at **Beckley, Mabscott and Stratton Elementaries, Beckley Stratton Middle, ACT, Independence High, Liberty High, Shady Spring High and Woodrow Wilson High Schools** in Raleigh County. It is called Communities In Schools (CIS). CIS is funded through a grant from WVDE. CIS is an organization that has been around nationally for over 40 years. The purpose of the program is to bring community resources into schools to empower success for all students. Through a school-based coordinator, resources are sought to support students' academic and/or non-academic needs and support their learning.

Our Student Success Liaisons will be assessing the needs of the school and providing general supports as well as supporting a smaller group of students on an individual basis. The Success Liaisons will meet with these students to identify their needs and determine what supports would be of most benefit to them. Throughout the year, each student's progress will be monitored to ensure that the resources in place are delivering positive results. Our goal is to help students overcome obstacles and barriers to success and provide them encouragement for success in the future. We strive to promote student success both inside and outside of the classroom.

This **OPT OUT** form is posted on the RCS website as well as the participating schools' websites. **If you do not want your child to have the opportunity to receive individualized supports through the Communities In Schools program while attending Raleigh County Schools, please print the form below, complete and sign it, then return it to the participating school.**

By not returning the form, you grant Raleigh County Schools permission to have your child participate in the CIS program and authorize the release of your child's FERPA-protected educational records (e.g., attendance, transcripts, discipline, etc.) for the purpose of setting goals and monitoring his or her progress throughout the year.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the CIS program, I hope that you will contact me.

Thank you,

**Jami Hughes**

County Contact

Raleigh County Communities in Schools



I have read the information above. I understand the purpose of the CIS program and the supports offered.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child **MAY NOT** participate in individualized services through the CIS Program at any participating Raleigh County School until further notice.

Child's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_