FOREWORD

In January 2004, the North Carolina State Board of Education finalized the merger of the three school systems in Cleveland County (Cleveland County Schools, Kings Mountain District Schools, and Shelby City Schools) into one county system. An AIG Core Planning Team approved the formation of a team of administrators, teachers, parents, and community members to research and plan for gifted education in the merged system. A comprehensive needs assessment summarized the strengths and opportunities for improvement of the AIG Program and led to the development of program goals for the new plan. The plan was approved by the Cleveland County Board of Education and sent to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for review before April 1, 2005.

The current AIG plan was revised in 2006-2007 to reflect AIG and system-wide goals. Cleveland County Schools' teachers and administrators strive to serve every student in an exemplary manner and meet the needs of highly capable students. We feel confident that the educators of Cleveland County Schools will increase student achievement by focusing on individual needs and talents of all students.