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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in New Hanover County Schools, I am writing this letter to let you know that Winter Park Elementary has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. As stated in ESSA Section 1111(d)(2), North Carolina had to identify schools for targeted support and improvement. TSI-AT schools in North Carolina are those that have a subgroup that is under-performing. The intent of this opportunity is to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

As a TSI-AT school, Winter Park Elementary is required to develop a comprehensive plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve student achievement. The plan will also include how our district will support us and monitor the progress of our school. The comprehensive plan will address the following areas:

- Classroom Management
- Standards-aligned Instruction
- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
- Instructional Leadership
- Recruitment & Retention of Effective Teachers
- Support for Grade-to-Grade Transitions
- Implementation of a Tiered Instructional System
- Data-Driven Decision Making
- Student Support Services
- Family and Community Engagement

We have set the following goals for Winter Park this year:

Increase Black and SWD subgroup achievement proficiencies by 10 percentage points compared to the 2018-2019 School Performance Grade.

Increase ALL subgroup proficiency by 5 percentage points when compared to the 2018-2019 School Performance Grade.

Increase ALL subgroup growth 10 percentage points compared to the 2018-2019 School Performance Grade.

Our students need to experience higher achievement levels, but it will require hard work on the part of staff, students and families. Here are some strategies Winter Park will be implementing:

- Professional Development in research based instructional strategies for all staff members
- Data notebooks and quarterly goal setting for all students
- Quarterly school-wide events that will allow students, parents, and teachers to discuss progress and next steps

Parent engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways we can work together:

- Make sure that both you and your student are aware of academic expectations set for your student this school year. A list of learning objectives in student-friendly language is available from your student's teacher(s).
- Call the school administration at 910-2350-2159 if you have questions or concerns about your student or to set up an appointment to meet with a school staff member who will be working with your student.
- Make sure that your student is prepared and attends school each day.
- Monitor your student's homework.
- Monitor the progress your student is making and attend meetings with your student's teacher(s).
- Keep track of our website and social media sites: <https://www.facebook.com/winterparkdolphins/>
Twitter: @WinterParkElem
- Volunteer.
- Join the Winter Park Elementary PTA

Sounds like a lot but preparing our students so that they can succeed is not easy and is a group effort. Here are some resources available to help:

- Graduation requirements: www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/
- State student achievement test results: www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/
- N.C. School Report Cards: <https://ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com/src>

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Paul Slovik at paul.slovik@nhcs.net or at 350-2159 ext. 203.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Slovik". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "S".

Paul Slovik
Principal