Creedmoor Elementary School of the Arts

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in Creedmoor Elementary School of the Arts, I am writing this letter to let you know that Creedmoor Elementary School of the Arts 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, Creedmoor Elementary School of the Arts 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 Teams (PLTs)
- 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 Creedmoor Elementary School of the Arts this year:

• Increase the 50% of students will meet Grade Level Proficiency and 40% will meet

College and Career Readiness in reading as measured by the End of Grade Reading Assessment in Grades 3-5.

- CESA will reduce it's office referrals by 10% during the 2021-22 school year.
- By June 2022, 50% of students will achieve grade level proficiency and 27% of students will achieve college and career readiness in Math as measured by EOG.
- By June 2022, 26% of the students in our ELS subgroup will achieve grade level proficiency and 22% will achieve college and career readiness in Reading as measured by EOG Scores.
- By June 2022, 26% of the students in our English Language Learners subgroup will achieve grade level proficiency and 10% will achieve college and career readiness in Math as measured by EOG Scores.
- By June 2022, 46% of the students in our Students With Disabilities subgroup will achieve grade level proficiency and 38% will achieve college and career readiness in Reading as measured by EOG Scores.

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

- Provide Professional Development for all certified staff in Grades PK-5 on how to respond to the needs of all learners.
- Hosting Parent workshops.
- After school tutoring for identified students through the Project Learn Program.
- iReady (Used in Grades K-5)
- mClass (Used in Grades K-3)

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 our front office at (919)528-2313 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 @ces.gcs.k12.nc.us and/or

like our Facebook page at Creedmoor Elementary School of the Arts PTA.

• Become a member of Creedmoor Elementary School of the Arts 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:

21st Century Learning Center
 Program-Project Learn
 Contact: Ashely Faucette, Granville County
 Area Director Boys & Girls Clubs of North
 Central North Carolina 919-690-0036 ext 107
 afaucette@bgcncnc.com

- **Graduation requirements:** <u>www.ncpublicschools.org/grad</u> requirements/
- 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

We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your student. Already, we have:

- Hosted a Title 1 & Trivia Night for our students, staff, and families.
- Continued our partnership with the Boys and Girls club to coordinate the CESA Project Learn After School Program.
- Continued our partnership with Granville Health Systems and the Working on Wellness Coalition to institute CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health).
- NCEC tutoring for identified students in Grades 2 & 3

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Latisa McKnight at mcknightlb@gcs.k12.nc. us or (919)528-2313.

Sincerely,

Latisa B. McKnight

Latisa McKnight, Principal