

East Middle School



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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 at East Middle School, I am writing this letter to let you know that East Middle School 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.

For the 2022-2023 school year, we have identified needs and established the following goals to improve our School Performance Grade:

- East Middle School will increase proficiency in mathematics to 55% in all target subgroups by June of 2023.
- East Middle School will increase reading proficiency to 51% in all target subgroups by June of 2023.

I am proud to report that has developed goals in our School Improvement Plan that will guide our improvement efforts in Reading, Math and Science. We will continue to work hard to ensure all students are making gains, and are receiving the best instruction possible.

Remember, we offer opportunities to close skill gaps during our after-school program. All students are welcomed to attend and receive tutoring to help them be successful. We are also providing staff development to all staff to assist with small group instruction and best practices with Diversity and Inclusion to increase equity and to improve the quality of instruction.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, I can be reached at (910)-428-3278, or via email at marvin.smith@montgomery.k12.nc.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marvin Smith'. The signature is written in a cursive style.