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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year is off to a successful start for you and your child. I am writing this letter to let you know that Nash Central Middle School has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. Per ESSA Section 1111(d)(2), schools are identified as TSI-AT schools in North Carolina because one or more of the following subgroups received a subgroup performance grade score at or below the highest identified CSI-LP school's All Students group during the identification year, and is on the TSI-CU list for the subgroup(s) for the previous year. Subgroup performance scores are provided for the following subgroups: (1) Students with Disabilities, (2) Economically Disadvantaged, (3) Black, (4) White, (5) Hispanic, (6) Asian-Pacific Islander, (7) Multi-racial, and (8) English Learners. This letter is to notify our parents and guardians of Nash Central Middle School intentions to improve educational outcomes for underperforming student subgroups and close achievement gaps for all students.

As a TSI-AT (ATSI) school, Nash Central Middle School is required to develop an Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve outcomes for underperforming subgroups. The plan will also include strategies that our district or charter will employ to support Nash Central Middle School improvement efforts. The ATSI 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 Nash Central Middle School this year:

- During the 2024-25 school year, Nash Central Middle School will continue to “Exceed Growth” in all EOC and tested areas with a 5% increase proficiency across all tested subjects through the implementation of grade appropriate and standard-based lessons throughout all instruction.
- During the 2024-25 school year, Nash Central Middle School will retain and recruit 100% highly qualified teachers for all EOC and tested areas through the use of effective professional development programs, creating leadership opportunities while improving NCTWCS results.
- During the 2024-25 school year, Nash Central Middle School will reduce the number of Office Referrals by 10% with a focus on implementing mitigating processes and procedures aimed at reducing incidents of OSS through the implementation of additional support programs used for tracking student behavior and providing needed support.

Here are some strategies that we will be implementing to improve student outcomes:

- *Classroom Walkthroughs*
- *Standard aligned lesson planning*
- *Weekly PLC Collaboration and Data Meetings*
- *Weekly data collection and analysis*
- *Daily intervention*
- *Weekly interventions*
- *Staff recognition program*
- *Weekly staff newsletter*
- *Beginning Teacher Mentoring program*
- *Implementation of Opportunity Culture and advanced teaching roles*
- *Mentoring programs*
- *CHAMPS classroom management program*
- *PBIS program*

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

- Ensure that both you and your child know the academic expectations set for your child this school year. A list of learning objectives in student-friendly language is available from your student’s teacher(s).
- Call Michelle Tuggle, School Receptionist, 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 child.
- Make sure that your child is prepared and attends school each day.
- Monitor your child’s homework.
- Monitor the progress your child is making and attend meetings with your child’s teacher(s).
- Keep track of our website and social media sites: [NCMS Middle School](#)
- Volunteer.
- Join the Nash Central Middle PTO

Additionally, listed below are a few 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>

We are committed to improving student performance. It is important to remember that just as no single score or grade tells the whole story of a student, neither does it tell you everything about a school's performance or the opportunities that our school provides. The intent of receiving these designations is to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction. We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your child. Already, we have:

- Started two new intervention programs: Power Hour, Flex Friday
- Implemented the Opportunity Culture program
- Strategically placed master teachers to support core instruction.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Craig Tedford, CWTedford@ncpschool.net, 252 937-9065

Sincerely,



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