

Portland East Middle School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Each year, the Tennessee Department of Education evaluates school performance across multiple indicators to provide a comprehensive overview of how schools meet the needs of all students. The following indicators are included in the department's school accountability analysis:

- Student Achievement
- Student Growth
- English Learner Proficiency Assessment (ELPA)
- Chronic Absenteeism
- Ready Graduate (high school only)
- Graduation Rate (high school only)

Detailed information on these indicators and the data used to define them can be found in the 2023-2024 *Accountability Protocol* under the Federal *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*.

The department is required to use accountability results to identify schools with the lowest performance among student groups, such as individual racial/ethnic groups, students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students, and English learners. Identified schools receive additional support from the department to address these needs.

We are writing to inform you that during the 2024-2025 school year, Portland East Middle School was previously identified for **Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI)** under ESSA and the U.S. Department of Education guidelines. We are proud to announce that we have successfully transitioned from an Additional Targeted Support school to a **Targeted Support School**, reflecting significant

academic growth among our students. We look forward to continuing this progress in the coming year.

Our school is actively collaborating with the district and the Tennessee Department of Education to enhance student performance. We are focusing on recognizing achievements in attendance, academics, and behavior. We encourage families to join us in developing and implementing our school improvement plan.

To maintain open communication with parents and the community, we provide updates and information through the following:

- Remind
- Social media platforms
- Skyward Access
- Email correspondence with the school and teachers

We also invite you to participate in our community-building events throughout the year. Your involvement is invaluable as we work together to ensure every student succeeds.

Sincerely,

Amanda Rippy, Principal

Casey Dove, Assistant Principal