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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 Eastern Elementary School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Eastern 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 underperforming. This opportunity intends to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

As a TSI-AT school, Eastern 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 Eastern this year:

- ❖ Eastern will increase its overall student proficiency by 5%.
- ❖ Eastern will reduce suspensions school-wide.
- ❖ Eastern will focus on instilling a renewed love for literacy for our students and improving our students' reading skills by consistently using systematic phonics instruction. We will also increase our focus on math instruction and work on incorporating a Math WIN time as well as small group instruction.

- ❖ Eastern will increase our parent engagement by providing various opportunities for families to partner in their child's education

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 Eastern will be implementing:

- ❖ Targeted schoolwide WIN (What I Need) block designed to remediate and accelerate students based on need in both reading and math.
- ❖ Teachers meet weekly in Professional Learning Teams to analyze student data and create instructional strategies.
- ❖ We encourage and have increased our parent/community involvement support within our school.
- ❖ Teachers are continually challenged with professional growth opportunities

Parent engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways you can support our efforts to ensure student success:

- ❖ 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 Mrs. Setser (252-758-4813) 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 on time and not checking out early to maximize instructional time.
- ❖ Monitor your student's homework and completed/graded assignments sent home.
- ❖ Monitor the progress your student is making and attend meetings with your student's teacher(s).
- ❖ Stay up-to date on school news and events through our [Eastern Facebook Page](#) *and* [Eastern Website](#)
- ❖ Volunteer
- ❖ Join the ***Eastern PTA***

Preparing our students so that they can succeed is most effective when it is a joint effort. Here are some resources available to help:

- Graduation requirements: [www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/)
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: [www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/)
- State student achievement test results: [www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/](http://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 diligently to make it a success for all students. Some highlights we plan to continue to build upon this year include:

- ❖ Eastern is a NC state recognized STEM school of Distinction and Cognia STEM recognized school.
- ❖ Eastern provides various opportunities for parents and families to be engaged in their student's learning
- ❖ Science Olympiad, Math Mania, & Robotics Teams.
- ❖ Many of our Eastern staff members are involved in district professional development designed to improve instructional strategies in our classrooms. We have 6 teachers who currently have their National Board Certification and many that are working on their portfolios to obtain certification. We have 4 teachers currently in the Teacher Leadership Institute.
- ❖ EGSSA United Way after school program is an example in our district.
  - Attendance
  - 30 Students
  - 2120 Student Sessions (every time a child attends counts as one session)
  - 6360 Hours of Instruction (3 hours of instruction per student session)

### Student Progress

- 99% Improved in Literacy
- 97.8% Improved in Math
- 49.9% Reached Proficiency in Literacy and Math
- 89% Academic Services
- 11% Enrichment Services

We also offer Afterschool Remediation for students who struggle in certain core areas. We will be targeting 5th-grade science this year to increase Science proficiency using Remediation funding.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Mrs. Allison Setser at [setsera@pitt.k12.nc.us](mailto:setsera@pitt.k12.nc.us) or **252-758-4813**

Sincerely,

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