

Home of the Gators



# South Johnson Elementary School

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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 **South Johnson Elementary** 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 **South Johnson Elementary** intentions to improve educational outcomes for underperforming student subgroups and close achievement gaps for all students.

As a TSI-AT (ATSI) school, **South Johnson Elementary** 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 **South Johnson Elementary** 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 **South Johnson Elementary** this year:

- ***By the end of the 2025-2026 school year, our overall GLP for 3rd-5th grades will increase by 5 points from 46% to 51% and K-2 will increase from 77% to 82%.***
- ***By the end of the 2025-2026 school year, our overall CCR will increase by 5 points (from 23.1 to 33.1) as evidenced by at least a 10% increase in performance on district benchmarks, classroom assessments, or portfolio-based projects, and active participation in at least two enrichment opportunities aligned to their individual learning goals.***
- ***By the end of the 2025-2026 school year, students with disabilities will increase grade-level proficiency by 5 points in core subjects as measured by state assessments and/or district benchmarks by increased general education teachers and EC resource teacher collaboration,***

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*effective planning and providing co-teaching and small group support.*

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

- ***Small group TIERED instruction***
- ***Differentiated activities***
- ***Implement UFLI and Heggerty with fidelity across all K-3 levels to strengthen foundational literacy and phonemic awareness skills.***
- ***Increase writing opportunities across all content areas***
- ***Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)—continue using DOJO points and recognition systems.***
- ***Attendance incentives and classroom recognition to promote daily attendance.***

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 ***South Johnson Elementary 910-276-2469*** 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 *[insert links]*.
- Volunteer.
- Join the ***South Johnson Elementary PTO***

Additionally, listed below are a few 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 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:

- **Implemented a new phonics program (UFLI).**
- **Provided professional development for teachers on new programs.**

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Dr. Tanya McLean at [tmclean@scotland.k12.nc.us](mailto:tmclean@scotland.k12.nc.us) or 910-276-2469.

Sincerely,

***Dr. Tanya McLean***

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