



Albemarle Road Elementary School

7800 Riding Trail Road
Charlotte, NC 28212

Date: November 17th, 2025

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 **Albemarle Road Elementary School** has been designated as an Additional Targeted Support & Improvement (ATSI) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. Per ESSA Section 1111(d)(2)(C), schools are identified as ATSI 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 **Albemarle Road Elementary School** intentions to improve educational outcomes for underperforming student subgroups and close achievement gaps for all students.

As an ATSI school, **Albemarle Road 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 **Albemarle Road Elementary's** improvement efforts. The ATSI plan will address the following areas:

- Standards-aligned Instruction
- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
- Implementation of a Tiered Instructional System
- Data-Driven Decision Making
- Student Support Services
- Family and Community Engagement

We have set the following goals for **Albemarle Road** this year:

- The percentage of Kindergarten through 2nd grade students scoring at or above benchmark in early literacy as measured by DIBELS will increase from 56% in SY2024-25 to 62% in SY2025-26.
- The percentage of students scoring College and Career Ready (CCR) on reading End of Grade assessments in grades 3-5 will increase from 20.4% in SY2024-25 to 25.4% in SY2025-26.
- The percent of students scoring Grade Level Proficient (GLP) in our lowest performing student group on the ELA End of Grade assessments in grades 3-5 will increase from 39.2% in SY 2024-25 to 44% in SY 2025-26.

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

- *Targeted small group instruction*
- *MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support)*
- *Instructional Assistants supporting pulling small groups*



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- *Student awards celebrations*
- *School wide house system*
- *Additional data focused PLC days*
- *Curriculum Nights (Fall and Spring)*

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 ***your student's homeroom teacher*** 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 <https://albemarleroades.cmsk12.org/>
- Volunteer (**sign up on the CMS website: <https://www.cmsk12.org/>**)
- Join the Albemarle Road PTA (contact your child's homeroom teacher)

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:

- **Y-Readers**
- **Boys and Girls Club**
- **Community Partnerships and Volunteers**



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If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact **Principal Monica Palmer** at **p300@cms.k12.nc.us** or 980-343-6414.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Moni M. Palmer".

Monica Palmer, Principal