

November 17, 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 Lansdowne Elementary 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 Lansdowne Elementary intentions to improve educational outcomes for underperforming student subgroups and close achievement gaps for all students.

As an ATSI school, Lansdowne 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 will employ to support Lansdowne Elementary improvement efforts. The ATSI plan emphasizes stronger implementation of our tiered instructional system and differentiated instruction.

We have set the following goals for Lansdowne Elementary this year:

- The percent of Kindergarten through 2nd grade students scoring at or above benchmark in early literacy as measured by DIBELS will increase from 75.9% in SY2024-25 to 77.6% in SY2025-26.
- The percent of students scoring College and Career Ready (CCR) on reading End of Grade assessments in grades 3-5 will increase from 43.5% in SY2024-25 to 48.3% in SY2025-26, with a specific focus on exceptional children to increase from 8.9% in SY2024-25 to 15% in SY2025-26.

Here are some strategies that we have started implementing to improve student outcomes:

- Increased planning time to building student support plans
- Lion Time for 30 minutes each day to support all student's growth in reading and math
- Leverage iReady MyPath to address targeted student supports
- Small group instruction during English Language Arts and Math

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).
- 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://lansdownees.cmsk12.org/>.
- Volunteer.
- Join the [Lansdowne 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.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact me at susane.gann-carroll@cms.k12.nc.us or call (980)343-6733.

Sincerely,

Dr. Susan Gann-Carroll
Principal