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Dear Westwood Families

Each year the Tennessee Department of Education examines schools' performance across several different indicators to provide an overall look at how schools are serving the needs of all students. The department of education included the following indicators in its analysis of school accountability:

- Student achievement
- Student growth
- Chronic absenteeism

More information on each of these indicators and the data used to define them can be found in the 2025-2026 Federal Accountability Protocol. Under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the department is required to use the school accountability results to identify those schools with the lowest performance across student groups (e.g., individual racial/ethnic student groups, students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged, and English learners). These schools will receive additional supports from the department.

Westwood Elementary is identified for Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) as required by ESSA and the U.S. Department of Education during the 2025-26 school year. This federal designation will be retained until the school exits or a new designation list is released.

Our school is working hard with the district and the Tennessee Department of Education to increase student performance and growth.

Sincerely,
Dr. Shelley Kofahl
Principal