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Dear Hank Hare:

The department provides annual federal school accountability designations that reflect performance and growth in accordance with state and federal law. Included in these designations are schools identified for **Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI)**. The last ATSI identification was in 2023 per USED requirement.

In 2025, a school can be identified for ATSI when

- The school was newly identified in 2025; or
- The school was identified for ATSI in 2023 and failed to exit since then; or
- The school was identified for ATSI in 2023 and exited in 2024; yet it was identified again for a different student group in 2025.

A newly identified school for ATSI in 2025 exhibits low student group performance when any given student on its own would lead to identification for Comprehensive Support and Improvement. Specifically, ATSI schools exhibit in the bottom five percent of performance for a given student group; or by having a graduation rate for a given student group less than 67%. A school identified for ATSI must demonstrate improvement in student group performance or growth to exit. Additional resources to understand Tennessee's federal school accountability system are on the department's website.

We are writing to inform you that **your school was identified for ATSI in 2025** as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act at the U.S. Department of Education. The table below lists the qualifying student group(s) for which your school was identified.

Student Group	Accountability Score
Students with Disabilities	1

Your school will receive additional targeted support from the department in the 2025-26 school year and until exit. Please direct questions to TNED.Accountability@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lizzette Reynolds', written in a cursive style.

Lizzette Reynolds, Ph.D.
Commissioner
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