



Wahl-Coates Elementary School of the Arts
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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 Wahl Coates Elementary has been designated as a 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 Wahl Coates Elementary's intentions to improve educational outcomes for underperforming student subgroups and close achievement gaps for all students.

As an ATSI school, Wahl Coates 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 Wahl Coates Elementary's improvement efforts. The ATSI plan will address the following areas :

- Classroom Management
- Standards-aligned Instruction
- Professional Learning Teams (PLTs)
- 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

"Every Student, Every Day, Every Opportunity!"

We have set the following goals for Wahl Coates Elementary this year:

- ***By June 2027, Wahl Coates Elementary will increase the overall school proficiency rate on state end-of-grade/end-of-course assessments by at least 5 percentage points from the 2025-2026 school year. (54%)***

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

- ***Within the 2026-2027 school year, our school will implement the following evidence-based intervention(s): small group instruction in core content areas, reading horizons, sound city, and elevate to increase overall student performance.***

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 Ms. Marieka Harrison (252-752-2514) 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 [<https://wahlcoates.pitt.k12.nc.us/>] and social media sites [<https://www.facebook.com/wcesota>].
- Volunteer.
- Join the Pirate Parent Committee.

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:

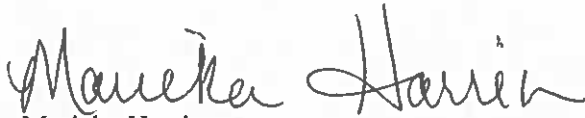
- Exceeded Growth 2025-2026

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- Wahl- Coates Elementary provides various opportunities for parents and families to be engaged in their student's learning
- Science Olympiad, Math Mania, AIG & Battle of the Books Teams
- Many of our Wahl Coates Staff are involved in district professional development designed to improve instructional strategies in our classrooms
- EGSSA United Way after school program for 2nd & 3rd grade students

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact **Marieka Harrison** at **harrism7@pitt.k12.nc.us** or **252-752-2514**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marieka Harrison". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Marieka Harrison

Principal

Wahl Coates Elementary

