Together, Ensuring Student Success by Igniting a Passion for Learning

Troutman Elementary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As a parent/guardian of a student in Troutman Elementary School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Troutman Elementary School has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. As stated in ESSA Section 1111(d)(2), North Carolina had to identify schools for targeted support and improvement. TSI-AT schools in North Carolina are those that have a subgroup that is under-performing. The intent of this opportunity is to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

As a TSI-AT school, Troutman Elementary School is required to develop a comprehensive plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve student achievement. The plan will also include how our district will support us and monitor the progress of our school.
The comprehensive plan will address the following areas:

- Classroom Management
- Standards-aligned Instruction
- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
- 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

We have set the following goal for Troutman Elementary this year:

- Target for 2026-2027: The overall proficiency for TES will increase to 62% for 2026-2027 as measured by the End-of-. TES will meet or exceed growth.

Our students need to experience higher achievement levels, but it will require hard work on the part of staff, students and families. Here are some strategies Troutman Elementary will be implementing:

- TES has hired math and reading interventionists to work with students experiencing academic deficits to deliver Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions.
- Three part-time teacher assistants have been hired to support students in kindergarten and first grade.
- The school and district purchased Magnetic Reading for K-5 students. This program focuses on phonological awareness, phonics, high frequency words, vocabulary, and comprehension.
- TES uses iReady Math and iReady Reading for supplemental instruction and diagnostic assessments.

Parent engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways we can work together:

- Make sure that both you and your student are aware of academic expectations set for your student this school year. A list of learning objectives in student-friendly language is available from your student's teacher.
- Call Troutman Elementary (704-528-4526) 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 student.
- Monitor the progress your student is making and attend meetings with your student's teacher(s).
- Make sure your student is prepared, is on time, and attends school every day.
- If your child has homework, make it a priority to have your child complete it.
- Commit to 20 minutes of reading each night with your child. This can be independent for older students and for younger students, parents can read with their child.
- Keep track of our website and social media sites for current information.
- Be "present" for your child; attend fact-to-face parent/teacher conferences. Commit to being part of the Curriculum Nights held by the grade levels and enhancement teams.
- Join the TES PTO.

In addition to the information listed above, these are other 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're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for all of our students.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Cressman

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Principal