Dear Parent or Guardian,

Each year, the Tennessee Department of Education examines schools' performance across several indicators to provide an overall view of 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
- English learner proficiency exam (ELPA)
- Chronic absenteeism
- Ready graduate (high school only)
- Graduation rate (high school only)

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).

We are writing to inform you that Ford Road Elementary School is identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) as required by ESSA and the U.S. Department of Education during the 2026-2027 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 by

- Implementing high-dosage tutoring
- Improving attendance
- Enhancing during-the-day and after school tutoring
- Fostering a positive school climate

We encourage you to help by participating in the development and implementation of our school improvement plan and/or fostering a supportive home learning environment, maintaining active communication with teachers, and encouraging strong study habits.

Sincerely,

Anniece Gentry, Ed.D., Principal