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Dear Parents/Guardians:

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 North Ridge has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. Per ESSA Section 1111(d)(2), schools are identified as TSI-AT 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 North Ridge’s intentions to improve educational outcomes for underperforming student subgroups and close achievement gaps for all students.

As a TSI-AT (ATSI) school, North Ridge 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 Insert the name of the school’s improvement efforts. The ATSI plan will address the following areas

* 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 goals for Insert name of the school this year:

* By June 2024, 70% of North Ridge ES students will show proficiency in core standards as measured by multiple state, local, and school assessments. All students will show growth equivalent to one academic year from BOY to EOY benchmarks and all subgroups will meet or exceed their Long term goal targets.
* By June 2024, increasing our parents satisfaction with our school by 10% as measured by Panorama Surveys
* By June 2024, increase our students (3-5) proficiency rate by 10% as measured by end of grade assessments.

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

* common planning units for grade levels
* Pre and Post Assessments to increase growth and proficiency
* Instructional practices that increase Total Participation of all students

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).
* 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 and social media sites [insert links].
* Volunteer.
* Join the North Ridge Elementary PTA

Additionally, listed below are a few resources available to help:

* Graduation requirements: [www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/)
* K-12 standards in academic subjects: [www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/)
* State student achievement test results: [www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/](http://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:

* Common planning for our teachers with a planning day semesterly
* Pre and Post Tests created by the PLTs to increase our students achievement
* Strong parent involvement in a variety of capacities
* Clear expectations and procedures to support students that are not proficient in their grade level
* Intervention process in place to support students

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact me at [tshillings@wcpss.net](mailto:tshillings@wcpss.net) or 919-870-4100.

Sincerely,

Travis Shillings, principal of North Ridge Elementary

