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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 Conn Magnet Elementary 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 Conn Magnet Elementary's intentions to improve educational outcomes for underperforming student subgroups and close achievement gaps for all students.

As a TSI-AT (ATSI) school, Conn Magnet 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 Insert the name of the school's improvement efforts. The ATSI 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 goals for Conn Magnet Elementary this year:

- By June 2024, Conn Magnet Elementary will meet or exceed growth measured by our EVAAS Overall College and Career Readiness data.
  - In reading, our expected long-term goal is from 44.1% to 61.6%.
  - In math, our expected long-term goal is from 62.3% to 72%.

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

- Standards-aligned units of instruction for each subject and grade level
- Data-driven conversations to identify students in need of instructional support or enrichment
- Enhanced social and emotional lessons in all classrooms
- A tiered instructional system that allows teachers to deliver evidence-based instruction aligned with the individual needs of students

Also, 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(s).
- Call Conn Magnet Elementary School at 919-856-7637 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.
- Make sure that your student is prepared and attends school each day.
- Monitor your student's homework.
- Monitor the progress your student is making and attend meetings with your student's teacher(s).
- Keep track of our website and social media sites- [Conn Magnet Elementary Website](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).
- Volunteer.
- Join the [Conn's PTA](#).

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

- Y Learning: <https://www.ymcatriangle.org/programs/community/y-learning>
- 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://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards>

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:

- Enhanced our professional learning communities through data-driven discussions and lesson planning
- Increased our social and emotional resources and learning opportunities for students
- Provided additional professional development targeted to support target areas of growth

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Ms. Chidester at [gchidester@wcpss.net](mailto:gchidester@wcpss.net) or 919-856-7637.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Chidester, Principal