



October 18, 2021

Dear Jones Families:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in David D. Jones Elementary School I am writing this letter to let you know that David D. Jones 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, **David D. Jones 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 goals for David D. Jones Elementary School this year:

- **In 2021 - 2022 Jones Elementary will continue using the PBIS behavior system. We will use the support of our school counselor team, school social worker, school psychologist, curriculum facilitators, and administrators to better support students. This will be done through a structured MTSS framework. This system will include a proactive approach to the academic and socio-emotional development of all students. We will also partner with a variety of community organizations to provide support for our students, their families, and our community at large.**
- **By June of 2022, David D. Jones Elementary will increase the school performance composite by 5% from 48.2% to a minimum of 53.2%.**
  - **Our 3-5 Reading composite will increase from 54.5% to a minimum of 56.5% proficiency.**
  - **Our 3-5 Math composite will increase from 39.7% to a minimum of 41.7%.**
  - **Our 5th Grade Science will increase from 55.6% to a minimum of 56.6%.**

**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 David D. Jones Elementary School will be implementing:**

- Grade level lesson plans will be written to include tiers of support and tailored by each teacher to meet the needs of each student in the classroom.
- Kindergarten through fifth grade English classrooms will use the CKLA reading program.
- Kindergarten through fifth grade Spanish classes will use the ARC reading program.
- Second through fifth grade English for Immersion classes will use the CKLA reading program.
- Weekly after school ELA and Math planning will take place on Tuesdays.
- Curriculum facilitators will attend these meetings to support teachers with lesson plan writing.
- Administrators will attend these meetings for ongoing support based of curriculum needs throughout the year.
- All K-5 classes will continue using the Eureka mathematics program.

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A list of learning objectives in student-friendly language is available from your student's teacher(s).

- Call your child's teacher at 336-370-8230 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: [https://www.gcsnc.com/Jones\\_Elementary](https://www.gcsnc.com/Jones_Elementary)
- Volunteer.
- Join the David D. Jones Elementary PTA

Sounds like a lot but preparing our students so that they can succeed is not easy and is a group effort. Here are some 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're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your student. Already, we have:

- Exceeded Growth two consecutive years, in 2018 and 2019!
- In October of 2018 we were recognized as a Piedmont Triad Education Consortium Signature School for our work in the 2017-2018 school year!
- Partnered with the Save a Life Initiative to gather community support for our school.
- In 2021 we succeeded in completing our school wide technology upgrades for all PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms.
- In 2021 we have added a Spanish Immersion component to our Kindergarten Traditional English program

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Ron Luciano at [lucianw@gcsnc.com](mailto:lucianw@gcsnc.com) or 336-370-8230.

Sincerely,

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