



October 7, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student at **Foust Elementary**, I am writing this letter to let you know that we have 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, we are 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. Our current School Improvement Plan has many strategies included as to how we will increase the number of students who are performing at grade level in Reading and Math, ensure that students who are not performing well receive effective interventions, and make sure that our school continues to be a supportive and positive learning environment.

The comprehensive plan will also 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

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

- **Respond to our bi-weekly electronic surveys sent via text and email**
- **Make sure that both you and your student are aware of academic expectations set for your student this school year.**
- **Attend parent conferences with your child's teacher so that you are aware of their progress and know how you can help at home.**
- **Make sure that your student completes homework and attends school each day.**

We have been steadily working towards excellence for the past several years and our goal is to close achievement gaps for all of subgroups. We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your student.



If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact me at (336) 370-8155.

Sincerely,

N. L. Dixon

