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**Dear Parent/Guardian:**

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

By June 2020, Nathanael Greene Elementary will increase the school performance composite from 50.9% to a minimum of 55.9%.

3rd Grade Reading from 51.2% to 51.7%.

4th Grade Reading from 57.9 % to 58.9 %

5th Grade Reading from 43.2 % to 45.2%

3rd Grade Math from 48.8% to 49.3%

4th Grade Math from 52.5% to 53.0%

5th Grade Math from 40.5% to 42.0%

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Science from 62% to 62%

**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 Nathanael Greene Elementary will be implementing:**

- *Continued implementation of CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts)*
- *Continued implementation of Eureka Math*

**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 Mr. McCain at 336-685-5000 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 at [https://www.gcsnc.com/Nathanael\\_Greene\\_Elementary](https://www.gcsnc.com/Nathanael_Greene_Elementary).**
- **Volunteer.**
- **Join the Nathanael Greene Parent Teacher Association**

**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:**

- Participated in a variety of professional development sessions to ensure student success

**If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Mr. McCain at [mccainb@gcsnc.com](mailto:mccainb@gcsnc.com) or 336-685-5000.**

Sincerely,

**Brian McCain**

