



September 21, 2020

Dear Nathanael Greene Families,

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in Nathanael Greene Elementary, I am writing this letter to let you know that Nathanael Greene Elementary, has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement – Consistently Underperforming (TSI-CU) 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-CU schools in North Carolina are those schools that have a subgroup that is consistently under-performing over an extended period of time. 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-CU school, Nathanael Greene Elementary 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 Nathanael Greene Elementary this year:
By June 2020, Nathanael Greene Elementary will increase the school performance composite from 56% to a minimum of 58%.


Reading from **49.7% to 51.7%**

- 3rd Grade Reading 46.5% to 48.5%.
- 4th Grade Reading from 51.2% to 53.2%
- 5th Grade Reading from 51.4% to 53.4%.

Math from **52.5% to 54.5%**

- 3rd Grade Math from 57.7% to 59.7%.
- 4th Grade Math from 46.3% to 48.3%.
- 5th Grade Math from 54.1% to 56.1%

5th Grade Science from 81.1% to 81.2%.



Our students need to experience higher achievement levels, but it will require hard work on the part of staff, students and families.

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.
- Volunteer.
- Join the Nathanael Greene 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/
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/
- State student achievement test results: www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/
- N.C. School Report Cards: <https://ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com/src>

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Brian McCain at mccainb@gcsnc.com or 336-685-5000.

Sincerely,

Mr. McCain

