

FROM
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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 Brightwood Elementary School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Brightwood Elementary School, has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT).

By June 2022, Brightwood will increase the number of Students with Disabilities in 3rd-5th grade who are proficient on Reading, Math, and Science E.O.G. by 12 percentage points.

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, Brightwood 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 Brightwood Elementary School this year:

- By June 2022 Brightwood Elementary School will reduce minor incidents 10 from 34 to 24 and major office referral by 6 from 12 to 6..
- By June 2022, Brightwood will increase the overall performance composite from 24.8 to 39.8.
- By June 2022, Brightwood will increase the number of Students with Disabilities in 3rd-5th grade who are proficient on Reading, Math, and Science E.O.G. by 12 percentage points 6.4 to 18.4.
- By the end of the 2021-2022, Brightwood Elementary will decrease the loss of instructional days by 10% due to extended absences by providing virtual access to classroom material, assignment using the Learning Management System Canvas and direct teacher instruction through use of the communication platform Microsoft Teams.

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 Brightwood Elementary School will be implementing:

- Providing each student with equal access to Core instruction to increase student achievement in grades K-5 Teachers. Teachers in grades K-5 will use the Core Knowledge Language Art (CKLA) which incorporates Skills and Knowledge.
- Students in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade will have access to Eureka Math curricula to

take their students beyond rote memorization and to give them a deeper and more concrete conceptual understanding of mathematics.

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 Ms. Rivers or the school at (336) 375-2565 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 our students are 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.twitter.com/brightwoodES>
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/BrightwoodElem/>
- Join the Brightwood Elementary School Parent Teacher Association Contact Ms. Petty petty.sheanna@gmail.com
- **Please join our School Community on ClassDojo.** We are using ClassDojo to connect with families, share classroom moments, and much more. Please join to stay connected! Open/download the ClassDojo app on your phone. Log in as a Parent (if you aren't already connected). Ensure you're logged in as a Parent, not a Student or Teacher! Tap the Kids section/avatars at the bottom of the screen. Add child using this code given by the teacher.

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. Please be sure to visit our school website as we add and update resources to support our students.

- Zearn Math is a K-5 math curriculum based on Eureka Math www.zearn.org
- Waterford <https://www.waterford.org/>
- Read to Achieve Live Binder for Parents <http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=1326906>
- 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>

We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your student.

Already, we have:

- Decrease our Out of School Suspensions
- Met Expected Growth in Reading and Math in grade 3-5
- Met Growth in K-2
- Exceed Growth in 5th Science
- Great School Activities: Jump Rope Team, Student Council, Step Team. Girls Club, Boy's Club, ACES, Chorus, Battle of the Books, STEM Book Club.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact at Ms. LaTrice Stokes at stokesl@gcsnc.com or (336) 375-2565

Sincerely,

Ms. LaTrice Stokes