

**FROM  
THE OFFICE  
OF THE  
PRINCIPAL**



February 22, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As a parent/guardian of a student in Irving Park Elementary School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Irving Park 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, Irving Park 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 Irving Park Elementary School this year:

-By June 2023 Irving Park Elementary School will decrease the Achievement Gap of African American and White students and Latinx Students and White students by 5% points in Reading and 4% points in Math.

-By June 2023, Irving Park's performance composite for all students will increase from 49.6% to 53.5%

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-Reduction in teacher turnover by 5% by June 2023. 100% of Irving Park teachers will participate in Social Emotional (SEL) professional development over the 2022-2023 school year. As a result of increased focus on SEL, office referrals will decrease by 10% by June 2023.

-By June 2023 Irving Park Elementary will decrease in the number of lost instructional days due to suspension and student removal from classrooms.

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 Irving Park Elementary School will be implementing:

- Continued implementation of CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts)
- Continued implementation of Eureka Math
- Continued implementation of multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS)
- Ongoing partnership with district-provided tutors

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 Irving Park Elementary School at 336-370-8225 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: [https://www.gcsnc.com/irving\\_park\\_elementary](https://www.gcsnc.com/irving_park_elementary)
- Volunteer.
- Join the Irving Park 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://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards>

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

- Hosted multiple virtual curriculum nights
- Hosted Parent Coffee events in the fall
- Participated in a variety of professional development sessions to ensure student success
- Held our Annual Title 1 Night to inform families about our Title 1 program

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Interim Principal Moore at [moorej10@gcsnc.com](mailto:moorej10@gcsnc.com) or 336-370-8225.

Sincerely,

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