Grifton School

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Dear Parent/Guardians of students at Grifton School,

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

* Grifton School will increase math proficiency from 34% proficient to 40% proficient by providing differentiated instruction and supplemental instruction as needed, and by using learning focused instructional practices.
* Grifton School will increase reading proficiency from 31% proficiency to 36% proficiency by providing differentiated instruction and supplemental instruction as needed., and by using learning focused instructional practices.
* Grifton School will implement MTSS to fidelity by developing and implementing matrices for behavior support, decreasing discipline referrals by 5%.
* Grifton School teachers will participate in 1 of 4 instructional rounds during the 2022-2023 school year, and will have specific look-fors, determined by the SIT team, based on walk through data, iReady data, and data from educator’s handbook.

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 Grifton School will be implementing:

· Curriculum Nights to encourage parent engagement

· School wide PBIS incentives

· Awards day recognitions

· Differentiated, tiered instruction

· Teacher Professional Learning Communities to support student learning

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 Grifton School at 252-524-5141 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.

· Join the Grifton School 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://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:

· Planned a virtual curriculum night

· Scheduled parent/teacher conferences

· Sent home communication folders weekly with work

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Megan Newman at newmanm1@pitt.k12.nc.us or 252-524-5141.

Sincerely,

Megan Newman