

North Pitt High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As a parent/guardian of a student in North Pitt High School, I am writing this letter to let you know that North Pitt 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, North Pitt High 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 North Pitt High School this year:

- North Pitt Test 95% of students in the following areas: English 2, Biology, ACT and Workkeys
- Raise proficiency levels for ACT and Workkeys concentrators

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 North Pitt will be implementing:

- Implement daily lessons during HR time to address ACT and Workkeys Practice
- Utilize Math 4 and English 4 instructional time for additional practice
- Offer after school tutoring for students in Biology, English 2, Math 1
- Collaborate with the reading specialist

Parent engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways we can work together:



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- 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 252-825-0054 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.

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: <u>www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/</u>
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: <u>www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/</u>
- State student achievement test results: <u>www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/</u>
- N.C. School Report Cards: <u>https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards</u>

We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your student. Already, we have begun the data analysis process to assure we meet the State Testing and Accountability measures.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Maurice Harris at <u>harrism@pitt.k12.nc.us</u> or 252-825-0054.

Sincerely,

Maurice Harris

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