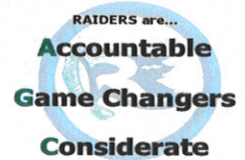


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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As a parent/guardian of a student in *AG Cox Middle School*, I am writing this letter to let you know that *AG Cox Middle 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 have a subgroup that is underperforming. 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, *AG Cox Middle School* must 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 our school's progress. 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 *AG Cox Middle School* this year:

- AG Cox will make continued progress through the School Improvement/MTSS Implementation Timeline by consistently meeting deadlines and due dates.
- AG Cox will increase school proficiency by half of the total proficiency decrease from the 20-21 school year. COVID
- Reduce OSS days by 15% compared to 21-22 school year.
- A Leadership Team will consist of the principal, teachers who lead the Instructional Teams, and other professional staff meets regularly.

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 *AG Cox Middle School* will be implementing:

- *Have School-wide PD on MTSS Implementation throughout the year / Share criteria with the staff of how students are identified in Tiers / Have Monthly MTSS/PST meetings*

- *Have Weekly Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) / Data Analysis of CFAs and Check-Ins / Data Analysis of iReady BOY, MOY, and EOY / Raider Time Small Group Rotations*
- *PBIS focus to reduce discipline referrals / Have Educators Handbook talks during monthly staff/SIT/ and PBIS meetings / Utilize Project Bridges when available*

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 *Norman McDuffie*, 252-756-3105 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 *[insert links]*.
- Volunteer.
- Join the *Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO)*

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://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/school-report-cards>

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

- A new two-story building with new classrooms, media center, art and a STEM classroom.
- 8th grade wing renovations are on schedule to complete by Dec 21st
- Dramatic increase in student and staff attendance since the covid pandemic.
- PTO sponsored EF Tour Scholarship to France and England for one student
- More students are turning in their assignments since the covid pandemic.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Norman McDuffie at mcduffn@pitt.k12.nc.us or 252-756-3105.

Sincerely,



N. McDuffie