



August 25, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

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

- CSE will increase the overall student proficiency rate on the NC EOGs by 5% across all grade levels (3-5). These percentages will be based of 3 year averages and not determined by individual grade level proficiency percentages.
 - 3rd Grade Proficiency Goals (Based on 3 year averages)
 - ELA = 53%
 - Math = 58
 - 4th Grade Proficiency Goals (Based on 3 year averages)
 - ELA = 49%
 - Math = 40%
 - 5th Grade Proficiency Goals (Based on 3 year averages)
 - ELA = 54%
 - Math = 56%
 - Science = 59%

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 Creekside Elementary School will be implementing:

- Effective PLCs



- Monthly Visits by PCS Curriculum Team
- Quality PD
- IC Teacher Support
- Weekly Teacher Snapshots
- Remediation Teachers (3-5)
- i-Ready
- Utilization of Canvas
- Pinpoint Target Students
- MTSS PST Meetings and Interventions

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 Mr. Briney at 252-353-5253 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 Facebook Page
- Volunteer.
- Join the Parent Teacher Association

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:

- Creekside Elementary School: <https://www.pitt.k12.nc.us/creekside>
- 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://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:

- Met with teachers to discuss last year's testing data
- Met twice a month as a school improvement team to discuss our NC STAR plan
- Placed our Instructional Coach in classrooms to offer extra guided reading
- Continued to offer BURST Reading Program to our first and second grade students who are reading below grade level

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Paul Briney at brineyp@pitt.k12.nc.us or 252-353-5253.

Sincerely,

Paul Briney
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