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## Eastern Elementary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in Eastern Elementary, I am writing this letter to let you know that Eastern Elementary, has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement – Consistently Underperforming (TSI-CU) 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-CU schools in North Carolina are those schools that have a subgroup that is consistently under-performing over an extended period of time. 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-CU school, Eastern 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 Eastern Elementary this year:

- Eastern Elementary will make continued progress through the School Improvement/MTSS Implementation Timeline by consistently meeting deadlines and due dates.
- Eastern Elementary will increase school proficiency 10% by providing differentiation, supplemental and intensive instruction where needed.
- Eastern Elementary will reduce suspensions and student time out of class by 20% through utilization of PBIS and district safety procedures.
- Eastern Elementary will reduce the achievement gap by 10% through differentiation,



supplemental and intensive instruction between white and/or black and Hispanic students.

- Eastern Elementary will ensure every teacher continues their professional growth as an educator through a variety of activities and/or training. Administration would utilize EOG subscore reports, EVAAS data, walk-through and NCEES input to consistently reevaluate the training needs by various teachers. Eastern Elementary will implement the PLC process in our school with fidelity and move from the pre-initiating to sustaining phase on the implementation continuum.

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 Eastern Elementary will be implementing:

- Effective Professional Learning Communities
- MTSS PST meetings and interventions
- Targeted support for underperforming students
- Effective utilization of SeeSaw & Canvas

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 Robert Johnson at (252)758-4813 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 site  
<https://www.facebook.com/EasternEaglesSOAR>
- Volunteer.
- Join the Eastern Parent Teacher Association (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:

- Eastern Elementary School: <https://www.pitt.k12.nc.us/eastern>
- 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:

- Successfully navigated our face-to-face return to school. We continue to streamline our procedures throughout the school day and have additional staff on campus to support our cleaning protocols.



If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Robert Johnson at [johnsor@pitt.k12.nc.us](mailto:johnsor@pitt.k12.nc.us) or 252-758-4813.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Johnson". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Robert Johnson  
Principal  
Eastern Elementary