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Dear Parent/Guardian:

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

- To produce learners, who can think deeply and solve problems.
- To create an authentic learning environment, where students can apply their learned skills and knowledge to solve real-world challenges and come up with meaningful solutions.
- To impart knowledge and skills to prepare students for the real world.

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 Bethel School will be implementing:

- After School Programs for first through fourth grades, remediation during school hours for fifth through eighth and middle school math after school tutoring.
- Intervention block daily with a strategic approach to targeted skills.
- Use a variety of methods to assess mastery and implement data analysis

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

- Call Bethel School (252-825-3891) 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 to include Facebook, ClassDojo or the school website: <https://www.pitt.k12.nc.us/bethel>
- Volunteer.
- Join the Bethel 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://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:

- Had student growth on cumulative formative assessments and see an increase in student engagement,

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Leigh Ann Swinson, [swinsol@pitt.k12.nc.us](mailto:swinsol@pitt.k12.nc.us), (252-825-3801).

Sincerely,  
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