



Creekside Elementary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

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

- Creekside will reduce suspensions and student time-out of class by 20% through utilization of MTSS- Core Behavior (PBIS) and district safety procedures.
- Creekside Elementary School will increase school proficiency by 5 to 8 percentage points by providing differentiation, supplemental and intensive instruction where needed.
- Creekside will make a commitment to improving our core instruction through the Learning Focused Model by providing targeted professional development, discussing instructional practices and data in PLCS and intentional use of EVAAS, iReady and mClass to close gaps for our students.
- Creekside will foster shared responsibility for student success by increasing communication between home, school and community.
- Creekside will maintain a positive culture and climate by recognizing staff and students.

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:

- Small group instruction in all K-5 classrooms
- WIN block period for 30 minutes daily for interventions, remediation and enrichment
- iReady differentiated instructional program for K5 students
- Reading Horizons Phonics program
- Support from our EPS District team and the Exceptional Children's Department

- Support from United Way funded co teachers
- PBIS to support positive behaviors

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 ***Yolanda Williams 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 social media sites <https://www.facebook.com/csecardinals>
- Join the ***Creekside 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/
- 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:

- An established Running Club and active SGA
- Re-established Orchestra and Chorus
- Instituted positive office referrals to recognize students exemplifying the Cardinal Rules

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact **Yolanda Williams at williay@pitt.k12.nc.us**.

Sincerely,
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