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Dear Parent/Guardian:

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

- Lakeforest will increase its performance composite from 35.5 to 40.5.
- Lakeforest will increase its academic growth from Met to Exceeded during the 2022-23 school year.
- Lakeforest school will improve parent and community engagement by communicating with parents at least weekly and providing quarterly onsite programs/activities during the school year.

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 Lakeforest will be implementing:

- Identify at-risk students throughout the school year based on Common Formative Assessment, classroom data, District Formative Assessments, I-Ready, and mClass

- Use small group instruction, differentiation and interventions to target specific subgroups.
- Provide additional resources to students performing below grade level.
- Teachers will meet with the administration and Instructional coach regularly to analyze assessment data and make recommendations for improvement.
- Improve curriculum and instruction, student support and assessment.
- Increase professional learning of all staff and teacher leadership.
- Strengthen social and emotional behavioral support.

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 Anthony Perkins at 252-756-3941 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: [Lakeforest Elementary Website](#); [Lakeforest Facebook](#).
- Volunteer.
- Join the LFE 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.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Anthony Perkins at perkinal@pitt.k12.nc.us or 252-756-3941.

Sincerely,

Anthony Perkins
Principal