

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As a parent/guardian of a student in Crestdale Middle School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Crestdale Middle 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 underperforming. This opportunity intends to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

As a TSI-AT school, Crestdale Middle 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 our school's progress. 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 Crestdale Middle School this year:

- Increase proficiency levels for students with disabilities by 5%.

Our students need to experience higher achievement levels, but it will require hard work on the part of the staff, students, and families. Here are some strategies Crestdale Middle School will be implementing:

- Grading List on Canvas Homepage
- Weekly communication via the Crestdale Chatter
- Bi-weekly communication via Grade level newsletter
- Learning Lab as an elective course
- Inclusion classrooms

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

- Contact your grade-level counselor 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.
  - 6th Grade- Dr. Eboni Bell, [eboni1.bell@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:eboni1.bell@cms.k12.nc.us)
  - 7th Grade- Selina Campbell, [selinam.campbell@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:selinam.campbell@cms.k12.nc.us)
  - 8th Grade- Vicky Burger, [vicky.burger@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:vicky.burger@cms.k12.nc.us)
- Ensure you and your student know the 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).
- Contact your child's Grade Level Administrator at 980-343-5755 if you have questions or concerns about your student, or contact your child's Grade Level Counselor to set up an appointment to meet with a school staff member 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 using the Powerschool Parent Portal, and attend meetings with your student's teacher(s).
- Keep track of our website and social media sites ([Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#)).
- Volunteer
- Join the Crestdale PTO

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 all students.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Jennifer Schroeder at [jennifer.schroeder@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:jennifer.schroeder@cms.k12.nc.us).

Sincerely,

Jennifer Schroeder