

Tuckaseegee Elementary School
2028 Little Rock Road
Charlotte, North Carolina 28214

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As a parent/guardian of a student in <u>Tuckaseegee Elementary School</u>, I am writing this letter to let you know that <u>Tuckaseegee Elementary School has</u> been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement (ATSI) school this year 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. ATSI 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 an ATSI school, <u>Tuckaseegee Elementary School</u> 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 **Tuckaseegee Elementary School** this year:

- By using our four identified Instructional Priorities of: Data Drive Small Group and Independent Practice, Academic Monitoring, Implementing TD strategies school-wide, and GLEAM (Grade Level, Engaging, Affirming, Meaningful) Instruction, Tuckaseegee Elementary School will achieve the following data-based academic outcomes -
- Dibels (Reading) Goals:

K-2: 75%

3rd Grade: 65%

• End of Grade Tests:

Reading: Grades 3-4--- 42% GLP and 25% CCR

Grade 5 --- 45% GLP and 25% CCR

Math: Grade 3---66% GLP and 45% CCR

Grade 4--- 65% GLP and 45% CCR Grade 5---65% GLP and 45% CCR

Science:

Grade 5--- 75% GLP and 65% CCR



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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 **Tuckaseegee Elementary School** will be implementing:

- Teachers will answer guiding questions about lesson plans for the week to ensure internalization of content during weekly planning meetings.
- Teachers and instructional leaders will analyze student performance by subgroup using formal and informal assessments to create data informed instruction for small groups.
- Multi Language Learners, Exceptional Children, and Talent Development teachers will provide strategies for their specific subgroups of students to each grade level during PLC meetings.

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 Ms. Nicki Dudley, Assistant Principal @ 980-343-6055 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.instagram.com/tuckaseegeeelementary/,
 https://www.facebook.com/people/Tuckaseegee-Elementary/100086079430207/.
- Volunteer
- Join the **Parent Teacher Association** by visiting our website.

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:

- Doris Jones, Family Advocate at 980-343-6055
- Graduation requirements: www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: <u>www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/</u>
- 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(s). Already, we have:

- Ensured a full staff for all instructional positions
- Created data-based small group plans based on initial testing
- Implemented a master schedule that supports small group instruction with support of specialists and instructional assistants across all grade levels.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please contact LaTresha Wilson at latresha.stewart@cms.k12.nc.us or 980-343-6055.

Sincerely,

LaTresha Wilson, Principal Tuckaseegee Elementary School