



Morehead City Middle School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year is off to a successful start for you and your child. I am writing this letter to let you know that Morehead City Middle School has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. Per ESSA Section 1111(d)(2), schools are identified as TSI-AT schools in North Carolina because one or more of the following subgroups received a subgroup performance grade score at or below the highest identified CSI-LP school's All Students group during the identification year; and is on the TSI-CU list for the subgroup(s) for the previous year. Subgroup performance scores are provided for the following subgroups: (1) Students with Disabilities, (2) Economically Disadvantaged, (3) Black, (4) White, (5) Hispanic, (6) Asian-Pacific Islander, (7) Multi-racial, and (8) English Learners. This letter is to notify our parents and guardians of students with disabilities intentions to improve educational outcomes for underperforming student subgroups and close achievement gaps for all students.

As a TSI-AT (ATSI) school, Morehead City Middle School is required to develop an Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve outcomes for underperforming subgroups. The plan will also include strategies that our district will employ to support Morehead City Middle School's improvement efforts. The ATSI 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 Morehead City Middle School this year:

- Morehead City Middle School will increase reading proficiency in all grade levels by 6 percentage points in all of our student groups.
- All teachers at Morehead City Middle School will include content area vocabulary in their lessons/units in 3 out of 5 school days.



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Here are some strategies that we will be implementing to improve student outcomes:

- Administration of all 3 Check-Ins throughout the school year including the use of the data analysis protocol to identify areas of need for reteaching and retesting.
- Use of Schoolnet for retesting of standards that needed reteaching. Use of the data analysis protocol of the results of the retests to measure student standard mastery.
- Check for evidence of vocabulary activities in lesson plans and walkthrough observations.
- Teachers/Staff will share weekly in their PLC's the vocabulary focus for their content area and this will be documented in the PLC notes.

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

- Ensure that both you and your child know the academic expectations set for your child this school year. A list of learning objectives in student-friendly language is available from your student's teacher(s).
- Call Allison Graham, Principal at 252-726-1126 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 child.
- Make sure that your child is prepared and attends school each day.
- Monitor your child's homework.
- Monitor the progress your child is making and attend meetings with your child's teacher(s).
- Keep track of our website and social media sites.
- Volunteer.
- Join the MCMS PTO.

Additionally, listed below are a few resources available to help: ***(Insert school and/or community resources with contact information and/or use the list below)***

- 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://ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com/src>



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We are committed to improving student performance. It is important to remember that just as no single score or grade tells the whole story of a student, neither does it tell you everything about a school's performance or the opportunities that our school provides. The intent of receiving these designations is to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction. We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your child. Already, we have:

- Analyzed data from the 22-23 school year to identify strengths and areas of improvement
- Partnered with PTO to hold student and staff events
- Hosted a sixth grade parent night
- Provide opportunities for eighth grade students to visit CCC and explore various career pathways
- Volunteer training for over 50 new volunteers

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Allison Graham at allison.graham@carteretk12.org or 252-726-1126.

Sincerely,

Allison Graham