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I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in *Collettsville School*, I am writing this letter to let you know that *Collettsville 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 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, *Collettsville 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 <u>Collettsville School</u> this year:

- Every core teacher at Collettsville will provide rigorous academic and behavioral instruction for students to engage in strong teaching strategies and effective classroom practices that align with state standards.
- Every student at Collettsville will have a personalized education through a tiered instructional system to deliver evidence-based instruction aligned with student needs across all contents.
- Every student at Collettsville will be able to celebrate academic and character trait successes monthly throughout the school year to enhance self-esteem and continued academic/behavioral success.

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 *Collettsville School* will be implementing:

• Collettsville School will have instructional planning meetings monthly to discuss priority standards and guide instructional conversations.

• Collettsville School will create a school-wide framework for a multi-tiered system of support for students.

o This framework will include:

A regular meeting schedule

- Data collection protocols
- Service delivery components
- Collettsville School will create a character education and positive office referral program that recognizes positive behaviors in our students each month.

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 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).
- Call Amy Brawley at (828) 754-6913 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.
- Volunteer
- Join the Collettsville School 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:

- Caldwell County Schools: <u>www.caldwellschools.com</u>
- Graduation requirements: <u>www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/</u>
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: <u>www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/</u>
- State student achievement test results: <u>www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/</u>
- N.C. School Report Cards: https://ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com/src

We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your student. Already, we have:

- Implemented grade span Professional Learning Communities with teachers to increase vertical and horizontal planning and prioritize standards-based instruction.
- Continued to collect data points from assessments given this year and we are using this data in our newly created MTSS school leadership team.
- Maintained a way to recognize our students for character trait students and RED Referral.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Amy Brawley at abrawley@caldwellschools.com or (828) 754-6913.

Sincerely,

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