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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you and your children. Our Spring 2019 NC Testing went very well at Glade Creek this past Spring. Our school ranked in the top fifteen percent of the schools in North Carolina on its recent report card from the Department of Instruction. Yet, we can always improve. The pandemic did not allow state testing in 2020. Therefore, our school has relied on two steady forms of testing to assess our students often. The two test measures are NC Checkins and I-Ready Assessments.

As a parent/guardian of a student in Glade Creek Elementary School I am writing this letter to let you know that Glade Creek Elementary School, has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT & TSI-CU) 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 & TSI-CU 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 & TSI-CU school, Glade Creek Elementary 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 this year:

**We will increase student proficiency in reading.**

- **3-5 grade- We will increase the percentage of students demonstrating proficiency from 52% to 57% by June 2019.**
- **6-8 grade- We will increase the percentage of students demonstrating and maintaining proficiency at 59% by June 2019.**

**We will increase student proficiency in Math.**

- **3-5 grade- We will increase the percentage of students demonstrating proficiency from 58% to 61% by June 2019.**
- **6-8 grade- We will increase the percentage of students demonstrating and maintaining proficiency at 78% by June 2019.**

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 we will be implementing:

- ***90 minutes of core teaching and learning each day in both reading and math.***
- ***45 minutes of small group teaching and learning (3 days in reading and 2 days in math).***
- ***Remedial and enrichment activities each school day to promote student achievement.***

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 336-657-3388 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.alleghany.k12.nc.us/Domain/8>
- Volunteer.

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://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:

- **Added research based programs for EC students in reading (Hill-Rap; Language Live; and Number Worlds).**
- **Each EC student has a schedule that allows them not to be pulled from core teaching.**

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Gerald Miller at **336-657-3388**.

Sincerely,

*Gerald Miller*

Glade Creek Elementary School Principal