

November 21, 2023

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 Beaufort 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 Beaufort Middle School's intentions to improve educational outcomes for underperforming student subgroups and close achievement gaps for all students.

As a TSI-AT (ATSI) school, Beaufort 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 or charter will employ to support Beaufort 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 goal for Beaufort Middle School:

- BMS will demonstrate an average annual increase of at least 5% in the proficiency and growth indices as measured by EVAAS for Students With Disabilities.

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

- Increasing collaborative planning time between core and EC teachers to develop and implement lessons designed to meet individual student needs
- Identifying staff members to attend MTSS training
- Providing opportunities for grade level/content partner department meeting planning
- Designing targeted support provided for students through WIN/WIT time
- Providing appropriate lessons for individualized practice for students
- Recruiting and retaining highly qualified staff in all positions
- Developing multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) plans for students with learning needs
- Providing ongoing staff development and implementation of district literacy initiatives:
  - Leveraging Literacy
  - Keys to Literacy Comprehension
  - Implementing Major Clarity to connect student interests and strengths to future career opportunities

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 your child's teacher(s) or School Counselor, Ms. Johns, at 252-728-4520 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
  - School Website: <https://bms.carteretcountyschools.org/>
  - Facebook: Beaufort Middle School Home of the Beaufort Chargers
  - Twitter: @BMSChargers1
- Volunteer.
- Join the Beaufort Middle School PTSA and/or Athletic Boosters.

Additionally, listed below are a few 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>
- Boys and Girls Club: Beaufort Teen Center: <https://www.bgccp.com/clubs/beaufort-club/>

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:

- Hosted quarterly PTSA meetings
- Hosted our first PTSA school/community BINGO Event
- Reinstated the Athletic Boosters and hosted several meetings and fundraisers
- Hosted 2 Parent Advisory Council meetings
- Coordinated 2 career interest-based field trip experiences to CCC
- Implemented school-wide positive behavior expectations with grade level rewards, events, and trips
- Implemented a school-wide WIN/WIT plan with reading, math, and study skills focus
- Increased teacher training in district literacy initiatives
- Combined with DEMS to participate in grade level/content specific Professional Learning Communities
- Administered the first FastBridge assessment and NC Check-in at all grade levels, with plans for data-driven instructional practices.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Brooke DePinto at [carolyn.depinto@carteretk12.org](mailto:carolyn.depinto@carteretk12.org) or 252-728-4520.

Sincerely,

Brooke DePinto  
Principal, Beaufort Middle School

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