



River Mill Academy

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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 inform you that River Mill Academy 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 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 River Mill Academy's intentions to improve educational outcomes for our identified underperforming subgroup, Students with Disabilities, and close achievement gaps for all students.

As a TSI-AT (ATSI) school, River Mill Academy is required to develop an Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve achievement outcomes for the designated underperforming subgroup. The plan will also include strategies that our school will employ to support River Mill Academy's improvement efforts.

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 our school counselor, Ashley Rocha at 336-229-0909 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 and academic progress.
- Keep track of important dates and events through the weekly "Jaguar Journal" and through our website www.rivermill-academy.org.
- Volunteer by joining the River Mill Academy PTT (Parents-Teachers-Together).

River Mill Academy is committed to improving student performance. We're excited about the progress already made this school year and our staff is working diligently to make your child's educational experience as successful as possible. If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Jeff Dishmon at jdishmon@rivermill-academy.org or 336-229-0909.

Sincerely,

Jeff Dishmon
Principal