

Bruns Avenue Elementary

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in **Bruns Avenue Elementary**, I am writing this letter to let you know that Bruns Avenue Elementary, has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. ESSA Section 1111(d)(2) stated that 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 underperforming. This opportunity intends to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

As a TSI-AT school, **Bruns Avenue Elementary** 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 our school's progress. 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 **Bruns Avenue Elementary** this year:

- Bruns GLP for African American students will increase from 23.9% to 34% by 2024-2025
- Bruns GLP for Hispanic students will increase from 16.2 to 27% by 2024-2025.
- Suspensions for grades 3-5 will decrease from 40% to 30%, by June 2025.
- The percent of Chronic Absenteeism will decrease from 25% in SY 2023-24 to 15% in SY 2024-25.
- The school will retain 75% of its highly effective classroom teachers through out 2024-2025 school year.
- Provide a duty-free instructional planning time for every teacher under G.S.115C-105.27 and -301.1, with the goal of proving an average of at least five hours of planning time per week, with the maximum extent that the safety and proper supervision of students may allow during regular student contact hours.
- Provide a positive school climate, under CMS regulation JICK-R, by promoting a safe learning environment free of bullying and harassing behaviors.

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 **Bruns Avenue Elementary** will be implementing:

- **Unit Assessments**
- **Data Drives**
- **Flexible Grouping and Intervention**
- **Social Emotional Learning**
- **Weekly Extended Planning**
- **Coaching by Instructional Facilitator and MCL**

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 **Mrs. Brenda Alston Hasan at 980-343-5495** 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: <https://www.cmsk12.org/brunsacademyES>
- Volunteer.
- Join the **Bruns PTA**

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:

- **Our CIS Coordinator - Mrs. Neal at 980-343-5495**
- 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>

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

- **Increased communication with Families with Use of ClassDojo**
- **Increased the number of Parent/Teacher conferences for our 1st Quarter.**

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact **Dr. Nathan Currie at nathanj.currie@cms.k12.nc.us or 980-343-5495.**

Sincerely,

Dr. Nathan Currie