

Berewick Elementary School

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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 Berewick Elementary School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Berewick 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, Berewick 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 Berewick this year:

- We will increase our students with disabilities subgroup(s) performance grade from a F to a D or higher in 2024-25. (Aligned to A4.01, D1.02, and CMS Goal 4)

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 Berewick will be implementing:

- Monitor alignment to planning decisions, pacing, and curricular resources to ensure alignment across 3-5 classrooms. (Goal 2, Guardrail 1)
- Develop and share a "Bobcats Learning in the Wild" feature to spotlight students applying their learning in real world situations. (All goals)
- Establish a daily morning meeting and SEL time for explicit SEL instruction that utilizes Caring Schools Curriculum and Capturing Kids Hearts resources. (Guardrail 3, FAM-S 31)
- Establish a plan to communicate and engage with families to support students that need tiered interventions in academics, behavior, social-emotional, or attendance. (All goals, FAM-S 3)

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- Teachers will receive PD and support through micro-PDs, coaching and planning around how to academically monitor and naming laps for student independent work/checks for understanding and how to respond based on student needs. (Goals 1-2, Guardrail 1)
- Establish and implement instructional expectations for core and small group instruction that align practices and resources across Berewick with a focus on impactful instructional practices for standards aligned instruction through the provisioned curriculum and resources. (Goals 1-2, Guardrail 1)

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 980-344-1010 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.cmsk12.org/domain/3813>
- Volunteer.
- Join the Berewick 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:

- 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>

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact the school at 980-344-1010.

Sincerely,

Kim King
Principal, Berewick Elementary