

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:

- The percent of Black and Hispanic 3rd grade students combined who score at the College and Career Ready (CCR) level -- a 4 or 5 -- on the English Language Arts (ELA) EOG will increase from 0.0% in SY2021-22 to 25.0% in SY2022-23 and 50.0% in SY2023-24.
- We will exceed expected Educator Value Added Assessment System (EVAAS) growth for our overall school index in SY2022-23 and SY2023-24. (Aligns to A4.01 and B3.03 and CMS Goal 4)
- The percentage of students reporting a positive self-perception of their self-management, will increase from 63.0% on the Fall 2021 Panorama Screener (in Grades 3-5) to 68.0% in SY2022-23.
- Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) disproportionately for Black students will decrease from 15.5% in SY2021-22 to 10.5% in SY2022-23 and 5.5% in SY2023-24.
- Provide a positive school climate, under CMS regulation JICK-R, by promoting a safe learning environment free of bullying and harassing behaviors.
- We will increase our Black and Economically Disadvantaged subgroups' performance grade from a F to a D or higher in 2023-24.

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:

- **Common Assessments**
- **Data Drives**
- **Flexible Grouping and Intervention**
- **Social Emotional Learning**
- **Weekly Common Planning**
- **Tiered Teaching Coaching**

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 and social media sites (<https://www.cmsk12.org/Page/350>)
- 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:

- Decrease schoolwide suspensions
- Increased communication with Families with Use of ClassDojo
- 100% of students who require intervention with literacy and math are receiving it.

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,

Nathan Currie

Dr. Nathan Currie