

November 28, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student at River Gate Elementary, I am writing this letter to let you know that River Gate 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, River Gate 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 River Gate Elementary this year:

- Improve the attendance for all students.
- Increase the proficiency score as well as work on academic growth for all students.
- Provide small group instruction and specific feedback to students on a regular basis within the classroom setting.
- Work closely with parents and guardians to partner with the school.

Parent engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways we can work together:

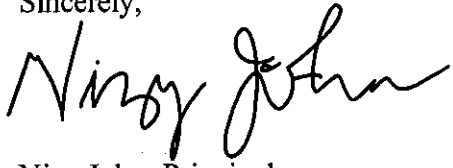
- Make sure that both you and your student are aware of academic expectations set for your student this school year. A list of learning objectives in student-friendly language is available from your student's teacher(s).
- Contact the classroom teacher if you have questions or concerns about your student or to set up an appointment to meet with a school staff member who will be working with your student.

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- 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/rivergateES> and River Gate Elementary Facebook Page .
- Communicate with the classroom teachers and read the Parent Square communications on a regular basis.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Ms. Nizy John, Principal, at 980-344-1000 or nizy1.john@cms.k12.nc.us

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nizy John". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "N" and "J".

Nizy John, Principal