

Rama Road Elementary

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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 let you know that Rama Road Elementary School 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 our **Students w/Disabilities** subgroup received a 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(s) 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 Rama Road Elementary School's intentions to improve educational outcomes for the underperforming student subgroup of Students w/Disabilities and close achievement gaps for all students.

As a TSI-AT (ATSI) school, Rama Road Elementary School is required to develop an Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve outcomes for **Students w/Disabilities**. The plan will also include strategies that our district or charter will employ to support Rama Road Elementary School's improvement efforts. The ATSI 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 Rama Road Elementary School this year:

- *The percent of students scoring College and Career Ready (CCR) on reading End of Grade assessments in Grades 3-5 will increase from 22% in SY2023-24 to 28.7% in SY2024-25.*
- *The Students w/Disabilities subgroup performance grade will increase from an F to a D or higher in 2024-25.*
- *The percent of students scoring Grade Level Proficient (GLP) on math End of Grade assessments in Grades 3-5 will increase from 44% in SY 2023-24 to 50% in SY 2024-25*

Here are some strategies that we will be implementing to improve student outcomes:

- An inclusion model of instruction is utilized in all grade levels K-5.
- Exceptional Children's teachers have received support and professional development to ensure they are creating standards-aligned and grade aligned IEP goals for every EC student.

- Student data is monitored weekly and monthly to ensure that student progress is being evaluated and instruction can be adjusted quickly in response to student needs.
- K-5 classroom teachers will participate in EC professional development related to small group reading instruction scaffolds that can be provided for EC students daily.

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

- **Make sure that your child is prepared and attends school each day.**
- Monitor your child's homework.
- 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 Carla Goldson, Exceptional Children's Resource 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 child.
- Monitor the progress your child is making and attend meetings with your child's teacher(s).
- Keep track of our website and social media sites <https://www.cmsk12.org/ramaroadES> and <https://www.facebook.com/DiscoverRamaRoadES>
- Volunteer
- Join the Rama Road Elementary PTA

Additionally, listed below are a few resources available to help:

- 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 are committed to improving student performance. It is important to remember that just as no single score or grade tells the whole story of a student, neither does it tell you everything about a school's performance or the opportunities that our school provides. The intent of receiving these designations is to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

We are excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your child. Our school has been recognized for an NC ASCD Whole Child Award for the work being done to support the social emotional health and well-being of every student at our school in the Mindfulness Lab. Rama Road Elementary has also launched an Out Teach Learning Lab supporting hands-on learning of all PreK-5 students, including our Students w/Disabilities. If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please contact our school at 980-343-6730 to speak with me directly. If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact our school at 980-343-6730.

Sincerely,



Patricia M. Denny
Principal