



## **Nebo 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 Nebo Elementary School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Nebo Elementary School, has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. As stated in ESSA Section 1111(d)(2), 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 under-performing. The intent of this opportunity is to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

As a TSI-AT school, Nebo Elementary School 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 the progress of our school. 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 Nebo Elementary School this year:

- Increase performance grade from a C to a B on End-of-Grade tests
- Increase school growth score from 'met expected growth' to 'exceeded growth' rating

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 Nebo Elementary School will be implementing:

- Continue a focus on vocabulary across all subject areas
- Provide additional professional development for staff on strategies for all students
- Use CRA Framework (Concrete, Representational, and Abstract) methods during mathematics

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 Jennifer Croyman, Principal 828-652-4737, 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.mcdowell.k12.nc.us/nes>
- Volunteer.

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:

- McDowell County Schools: <https://www.mcdowell.k12.nc.us/>
- Graduation requirements: [www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/)
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: [www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/)
- State student achievement test results: [www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/](http://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:

- Met growth in math and reading for 2018-2019 school year
- Received overall proficiency scores for math, reading and science are at both the district average and NC state average

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Jennifer Croymans at [jennifer.croymans@mcdowell.k12.nc.us](mailto:jennifer.croymans@mcdowell.k12.nc.us) or 828-652-4737.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Croymans  
Principal