

Vaughan Elementary- A Global School
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Dear Vaughan Elementary School Parent/Guardian:

I hope you have had a successful start to the 2020-21 school year. Thank you for your patience, understanding and support as we have been teaching and learning remotely this year. As a parent/guardian of a student in Vaughan Elementary School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Vaughan Elementary 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 one or more under-performing subgroups. The intent of the TSI-AT designation is to provide an opportunity to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

As a TSI-AT school, Vaughan 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 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 Vaughan Elementary this year:

To increase student proficiency in reading and math to 70% or greater and to meet all growth targets
To implement a tiered instructional system that allows teachers to deliver evidence based instruction using technological tools that aligns with students' individual learning needs.

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 Vaughan will implement:

- ***Hire a qualified, experienced and effective MTSS/Curriculum Coach***
- ***Provide intervention sessions for needed students at least two times daily***
- ***Use iReady computer programs to provide evidenced based interventions and instruction***
- ***Monitor students' reading progress using iReady, Accelerated Reader and Star Reading***
- ***Provide professional development sessions for all staff on the use of technological tools to enhance instruction***
- ***Hire retired teachers to tutor at-risk students in reading and math***
- ***Utilize collaborative days each week to plan and gather resources in order to provide rigorous and engaging lessons and intervention sessions for students***

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 child are aware of academic expectations set for your child. A list of learning objectives in student-friendly language is available from your child's teacher(s).
- Call the school if you have questions or concerns or to set up an appointment to meet with a school staff member who will be working with your child.
- Make sure that your child is prepared and attends school/live lessons each day.
- Monitor your child's Google Classroom assignments/homework.
- Read with or to your child each day.
- Monitor the progress your child is making and attend meetings with your child's teacher(s).
- Keep track of our website and social media. <https://www.warrenk12nc.org/o/vaughan>

I know this may sound like a lot but preparing our students so that they can succeed is not easy and is a collaborative effort. Here are some 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>
- Graduation requirements: www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/

We're excited about the work our school is doing and we continue to work to make it a success for your child. Already, we have:

- **Hired a highly qualified and effective EC Resource Teacher and MTSS/Curriculum Coach**
- **Hired a retired teacher to serve as day tutor**
- **Implemented a new reading curriculum**
- **Implemented daily intervention sessions**
- **Provided global opportunities and lessons**
- **Purchased additional reading and math materials**
- **Trained all staff in the use of technological tools to engage students in remote learning**
- **Implemented Google Classroom as a platform for teaching and learning**
- **Held two successful Tech Nights for parents**

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Renee Mizelle
Principal