

**North Graham Elementary School**  
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Date September 16, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

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

- Through the implementation of morning meetings, structured guidance lessons, growth mindset structures, Zones of Regulation, and PBIS, 80% of K-2 students will respond favorably to the SEL survey and 80% of grades 3-5 students will respond favorably to the Panorama survey.
- Through the implementation of the ABSS academic core, daily targeted intervention, unpacking of the ELA NCSCOS standards, ABSS Learning Pathways and universal screener data, 50% of students grade K-5 will demonstrate growth and/or grade level proficiency as evidenced by Achieve 3000, AWP, Imagine Learning, mClass and NC Check-in data.
- Through the implementation of the ABSS academic core, daily targeted intervention, unpacking of the math NCSCOS standards, ABSS Learning Pathways and universal screener data, 50% of students grades K-5 will demonstrate growth and/or grade level proficiency as evidenced by Achieve 3000, AWP, Imagine Learning, mClass and NC Check-in data.

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 North Graham Elementary School will be implementing:

- Students in grades K - 5 will utilize Imagine Learning to support math and literacy goals.
- Students in grades 3-5 will utilize Achieve 3000 to support literacy goals
- Staff will meet in grade level PLC's weekly to unpack standards, create learning tasks, design assessments and review student data.
- Staff will utilize ABSS learning pathways to support core instruction.
- Staff will participate in school and district level professional development sessions to support social/emotional learning, literacy, math, science, social studies and special program areas.

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 your child's teacher at 336-578-2272 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).
- Volunteer.
- Join the North Graham PTO.
- Keep track of our website and social media sites:
  - NGE Twitter - @NGE\_AplusSchool
  - NGE Facebook - North Graham Elementary School
  - NGE Website - [nge.abss.k12.nc.us](http://nge.abss.k12.nc.us)

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:

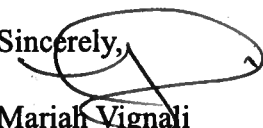
- Alamance Burlington School System: [www.abss.k12.nc.us](http://www.abss.k12.nc.us)
- Graduation requirements: [www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/)
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: [www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/)
- 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:

- Participated in A+ professional development to support arts integration and multiple intelligence learning experiences.
- Participated in the It Takes a Village tutoring program in collaboration with Elon University.
- Collaborated with The City of Graham and two local faith based organizations to support student/family needs.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Mariah Vignali at [mariah\\_vignali@abss.k12.nc.us](mailto:mariah_vignali@abss.k12.nc.us) or 336-578-2272.

Sincerely,

  
Mariah Vignali  
Principal