



September 20, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

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

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 **Whitewater Middle** will be implementing:

- [Whitewater is a socially and intellectually safe place for all learners
- Ensure students are assigned complex, relevant tasks (using sustainable topics where possible)
- Staff members utilize effective teaching strategies and scaffolds to support students as independent learners.

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
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