

Hope Valley Elementary School

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Dear Families,

We are informing you that Hope Valley Elementary School has had an opportunity to be identified as a *Targeted Support and Improvement-(TSI)* school by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. A school is identified as TSI in the North Carolina Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Plan when one or more subgroups [Students with Disabilities (SWD) Economically Disadvantaged Students (EDS), English Learners (ELs), and Race/Ethnicity (Black, White, Hispanic)] receive a subgroup letter grade score at or below the highest performing Comprehensive Support and Improvement Low Performing (CSI-LP) school's School Performance Grade score. Based on academic performance data, our school had one or more subgroups receiving a subgroup letter score at or below the highest performing CSI-LP school. Hope Valley's basis as a TSI school to watch is based on our data from Students with Disabilities (SWD) subgroup.

Schools identified as TSI are eligible to exit TSI status at the end of the 2021-2022 school year, by having either a three-year average growth index greater than 1.0 or by meeting the interim progress targets in reading and math for identified subgroups. Title I- served schools unable to exit TSI at the end of the 2021-2022 school year may become Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) schools.

Hope Valley will receive support from our school district specifically focused on improving the performance of the identified subgroup(s). Additionally, this opportunity will provide educators and State and local leaders with flexibility regarding specific requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in exchange for rigorous and comprehensive State-developed plans designed to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

We continue to strive for improvements in student achievement. Our vision for Hope Valley is to **be celebrated as one of the most diverse, highest achieving, elementary schools in the state of NC.**

. These are our goals for the 2021-2022 school year:

- All Hope Valley students will meet or exceed their growth projections in Math on the EOG and iReady
- All Hope Valley students will meet or exceed their growth projections in ELA as measured by the EOG and iReady.
- Student attendance will be 95% or higher.

Our students need to experience higher achievement levels, and it will require hard work on the part of staff, students and families. Here are some strategies Hope Valley is implementing:

- All teachers will meet in weekly professional learning communities to develop robust lesson plans aligned with the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.

Hope Valley has added a 30 minute math and reading acceleration block to increase the amount of time students receive in small group instruction.

- Parent/Family engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways you can help:
 - ✓ 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).
 - ✓ Make sure that your student is prepared and arrive before 8:25 to attend school each day.
 - ✓ Make sure your child reads every night (10-20 minutes in K-2 & 20-45 minutes in 3-5) or you read a book to your child each night.
 - ✓ Attend parent conferences & request one whenever you have concerns about your child's learning.
 - ✓ Monitor the progress your child makes via the DPS Parent Portal
 - ✓ Join our Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

We owe it to our students to work together to prepare them well for life after graduation. And our children need your support now more than ever.

- K-12 standards in academic subjects: www.ncpublicschools.org/acre/standards/
- State student achievement test results: www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/
- N.C. School Report Cards: www.ncreportcards.org/

We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your child.

We look forward to partnering with you as we work together – to ignite the limitless potential of all of our children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jed Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

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