

E.B. Aycock Middle 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 **E.B. Aycock Middle School**, I am writing this letter to let you know that **E.B. Aycock Middle School**, has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement – Consistently Underperforming (TSI-CU) 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-CU schools in North Carolina are those schools that have a subgroup that is consistently under-performing over an extended period of time. 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-CU school, **E.B. Aycock Middle 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 **E.B. Aycock Middle School** this year:

- Instructional Goals for EBA
 - 1) Utilize Digital Data Notebook to improve student achievement and teacher effectiveness through data collection.
 - 2) Functional PLC implementation for common unit assessments, identify performance targets and analyze student data.
 - 3) Learning Focus Unit Lesson Plans for grade level content alignment for consistency in accountability of assignments.

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 parent nights **E.B. Aycock Middle School** will be implementing:

- Virtual Open House Title 1 Meeting (9am-3:00pm) 8-14-20
- 8th Grade Curriculum Night (5pm) 9-22-20
- 7th Grade Curriculum Night (5pm) 10-20-20
- 6th Grade Curriculum Night (5pm) 12-8-20
- 6-8th Grade Family Night (5pm) 2-23-21
- 6-8th Grade Family Night (5pm) 5-11-21

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 EBA at 252-756-4181, Mr. Thomas 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.pitt.k12.nc.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=2123>
- Volunteer.
- Join the EBA Boosters

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:

- Graduation requirements: www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/
- 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>

We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your student. Already, we have:

- Teacher created Unit Lesson Plans, Grade Level Meetings, PLC Meetings, Data Sheets for students, PBIS and Implementation of I Ready for progress monitoring.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact **Darryl Thomas** at **thomasd@pitt.k12.nc.us** or **252-756-4181**

Sincerely,



Darryl Thomas