

Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) Designation Parent Notification Template

Dear Parent,

Each year, as a requirement of both federal and state law, the Tennessee Department of Education examines schools' performance across several different indicators to provide an overall look at how schools are serving the needs of all students. Schools designated in need of improvement may receive one of the following designations:

- Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) or Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI); also known as Focus Schools
- Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI); also known as Priority Schools

Due to school closures resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, any school identified for CSI, TSI, or ATSI in the 2019-20 school year will maintain that identification status in the 2020-21 school year. The school will also continue to receive supports and interventions consistent with the school's support and improvement plan.

We are writing to inform you that **North Parkway Middle School** was identified for additional targeted support and improvement (ATSI) during the 2019-20 school year based on 2018-19 data and will therefore maintain that designation during the 2020-21 school year. **North Parkway Middle School** received this designation because it has one or more significantly and/or consistently underperforming student subgroup (i.e., Black/Hispanic/Native American, economically disadvantaged, English learners, or students with disabilities) based on 2018-19 data.

In order to be identified as an ATSI school, both of the following requirements must be met:

1. The school has one or more student groups whose overall accountability score includes data from **all** indicators listed below (More information on each of these indicators and the data used to define them can be found in the [2019 School Accountability User Guide](#).)
 - Student achievement
 - Student growth
 - English learner proficiency exam (ELPA)
 - Chronic absenteeism
 - Ready graduate (high school only)
 - Graduation rate (high school only)
2. The overall accountability scores for a given student group are not only in the bottom five percent for that student group across the state, but also the identified student group would, on its own, be identified as a Priority school, or the bottom five percent of schools statewide.



Our school is working hard with the district and the Tennessee Department of Education to increase student performance by providing intense interventions, professional development, after-school tutoring and a parent coordinator to assist with families. We encourage you to help by participating in the development and implementation of our school improvement plan and/or parent engagement opportunities.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Spight
Principal