

December 20, 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the Tennessee Department of Education is required to use school accountability results to identify schools in need of additional support in specific areas from the Tennessee Department of Education.

I am writing to inform you that West Bemis Middle School is identified as a Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school in accordance with Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the US Department of Education for the 2023-2034 school year. This designation for WBMS targets the achievement gap within several identifiable subgroups. WBMS will receive additional support from the department.

To address this designation, we are working closely with Jackson-Madison County Schools' District office and the Tennessee Department of Education to increase student growth and achievement within several identified subgroups.

West Bemis families, we are continually striving for increased achievement and growth for all students. We cannot do this work without you. We ask for your continued support by encouraging students to be at school daily, read every day, and give their best efforts.

Richard Willis

Principal

West Bemis Middle School