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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 South Brunswick Middle School, I am writing this letter to let you know that SBMS 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, South Brunswick 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 South Brunswick Middle School this year:

- Students with disabilities will show a minimum of 3% increase in proficiency scores in Math and ELA as indicated by EOG results.

We have already started work on achieving our goal by implementing:

- ***Co-teaching model for Math and ELA- an EC teacher pushes into the class to provide extra support for students***
- ***GO Math! Text with online resources for school and home; each student has a log in that provides access to these resources***
- ***Counselors training staff on the academic intervention process***
- ***P.R.O.W.L intervention period. This time is used to work on skills needed for students to master or enrich their academic content. This year we have purchased two additional programs to assist with Math and Reading interventions, IXL for math, and Lexia for reading. These programs provide individualized instruction on a student's level and will help to fill gaps or push students ahead in their math and reading skills. We encourage you to have your student show you what they are doing in these programs.***

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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.
- Call the teacher or school counselor at (910) 845-2771 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 work.
- 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
- Join the PTA and communicate with our PAC members.

This may sound 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/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/)
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: [www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/)
- State student achievement test results: [www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/)
- N.C. School Report Cards: <https://ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com/src>
- Brunswick County Schools: <https://www.bcswan.net/Domain/2396>

We are excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your student. South Brunswick Middle School, as you may be aware, met growth in our tested areas. We are very proud of that accomplishment as a staff and for your students. We look forward to exceeding growth this school year..

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Marie Laboy, principal, at [mlaboy@bcswan.net](mailto:mlaboy@bcswan.net) or (910) 845-2771.

Sincerely,

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Principal, SBMS