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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 Ranson Middle an International Baccalaureate World School, I am writing this letter to let you know that Ranson Middle an International Baccalaureate World School, 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, Ranson Middle an International Baccalaureate World 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 Ranson Middle an International Baccalaureate World School this year:

- By the end of the 2018-2019 school year, 45% of our scholars will be marked proficient or CCR (College & Career Ready) according to the state Reading and Math End of Grade Assessments. The remaining 55% of our scholars which is inclusive of all subgroups, will show a 10% growth from their 2017-2018 EOG assessments. Ranson Middle an International Baccalaureate World School will meet high growth as a result of our focus on the aforementioned proficiency targets.

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 strategies Ranson Middle an International Baccalaureate World School will be implementing:

- Implementation of a Tiered Instructional System through "Raider Hour"
- Standards-Aligned Instruction

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- No Nonsense Nurturing Strategies to Support Classroom Management
- Data Driven Decision Making through MTSS
- Family and Community Engagement

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 Mrs. Wanda Williams at 980-343-6800 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: <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/ransonMS/Pages/Default.aspx>
- Volunteer.
- Join the Ranson Middle IB Parent Teacher Student Association

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:

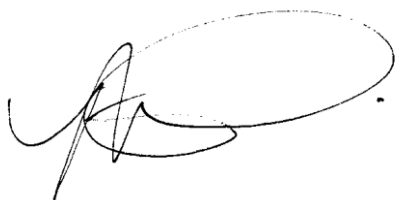
- Graduation requirements: www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/
- State student achievement test results: www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/
- N.C. School Report Cards: <https://ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com/src>

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

- Launched "Raider Hour" to support the multi-tiered instruction
- Implemented the "Above and Beyond" after-school program

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Neodria Brown at neodria1.brown@cms.k12.nc.us or 980-343-6800.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Neodria Brown', written in a cursive style.

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