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### **“Empowering Scholars for Success”**

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Each year 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. The department of education included the following indicators in its analysis of school accountability:

- Student achievement
- Student growth
- English learner proficiency exam (ELPA)
- Chronic absenteeism
- Ready graduate (high school only)
- Graduation rate (high school only)

More information on each of these indicators and the data used to define them can be found in the 2022-2023 Accountability Protocol. Under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the department is required to use the school accountability results to identify those schools with the lowest performance across student groups (e.g., individual racial/ethnic student groups, students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged, and English learners). These schools will receive additional support from the department.

We are writing to inform you that *Ross Elementary School* is identified for *TSI School for Hispanic Identified* as required by ESSA and the U.S. Department of Education during the 2024-25 school year.

Our school is working hard with the district and the Tennessee Department of Education to increase student performance by providing students with during the day tutoring, small group 1 to 1 instruction, peer-to-peer interaction, Literacy Mid-South tutoring, ARise 2 Read tutoring, and Before School Tutoring on Tuesday and Thursday, tutoring performed by Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) members twice a week. We also provide students with extracurricular after-school activities which promote learning. These are the following activities: STEM Club, Book Club, Art Club, YMCA Before and After Care, and more. Parents/families can get involved immediately by joining Ross Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and Parent University which is held monthly reinforcing and providing parents with opportunities to engage in teacher lead instruction in Reading, Math, and Science. We have a Parent Resource room which has working computers and educational resources for parent use. Volunteer opportunities are on-going. Parents are also given the opportunity to participate in a Chew and Chat with our principal, Dr. Waller, to discuss needs and concerns to help their children academically. Parents are encouraged to participate in the development and implementation of our school improvement plan and complete surveys throughout the school year to help us better meet their needs. Your presence leaves an everlasting and impactful impression on not only your children, but their peers as well, and we want to foster as many positive moments as possible.

Sincerely,

*Stephanie Waller*

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