

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 Federal 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 supports from the department.

We are writing to inform you that Dexter K-8 School is identified for TSI as required by ESSA and the U.S. Department of Education during the 2023-24 school year.

Our school is working hard with the district and the Tennessee Department of Education to increase student performance by providing tutoring services during school grades 2-4 (Literacy Mid-South, ARise 2 Read, and TN All Corps). We also offer after school tutoring for all students on Monday, Tuesday, and selected Saturdays. We provide students with extracurricular activities that promote academic success through our Beta Club, National Junior Honor Society, Chess, St. Jude STEM, Diamonds in the Rough, Gentleman's League, Girls with Pearls, YMCA Before and After Care, and more. We encourage you to help by participating in the development and implementation of our school improvement plan and/or being an active participant alongside us in the work from "Fortunate to Ambitious." Parents/ families can get involved immediately by joining the Dexter K-8 Parent Teacher Organization meetings every second Wednesday of the month at 5pm, either in person or virtually. Volunteer opportunities are ongoing as we have opened our building for Room Parents, Patriot Athletic Support, Coffee and Conversations with the Principal, and more. Reach out to your child's teacher today to obtain additional information on how to get involved. Your presence leaves an everlasting impression on not only your children, but their peers as well, and we want to foster as many positive moments as possible.

Sincerely,
Patrick L. Certion
Principal