



Dear Parent,

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. For 2017-18, the department of education included the following indicators in its analysis of school accountability:

- Student achievement
- Student growth
- Chronic absenteeism

More information on each of these indicators and the data used to define them can be found in the [2018 School Accountability User Guide](#). A link to this guide can be found on our school web page.

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) as additional targeted support and improvement (ATSI) schools. These schools will receive additional supports from the department.

We are writing to inform you that West View School is identified for additional targeted support and improvement (ATSI) as required by ESSA and the U.S. Department of Education. Specifically, schools with this accountability designation are identified using 2017-18 data:

- The school's overall accountability summative rating is 1.0 or across all of the indicators listed above, **and** it ranks in the bottom five percent for at least **one** of the four accountability subgroups (i.e., Black/Hispanic/Native American, Economically Disadvantaged, English learners, or students with disabilities).

West View School is identified for the following student groups:

- Students with disabilities

Our school is working hard with the district and the Tennessee Department of Education to increase student performance by targeting improvement with student absences through a mentor program, fostering more family involvement, and providing teacher professional development in identification and strategies to meet each individual student's needs. We encourage you to help by participating in the parent volunteer program and upcoming family involvement activities. Two activities this week are Family Math Night Tuesday, Oct. 16th from 6-7:30 and Parent-Teacher Conferences Thursday, Oct. 18 from 11-6 PM.

I encourage you to keep in touch with your child's teacher through email, DoJo, and other social media platforms.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patton Gamble, Principal