

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 includes 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 can be found on each of these indicators, and the data used to define them can be found in the 2021-2022 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 scores across student subgroups (e.g., individual racial/ethnic groups, students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged, and English learners). These schools identified will receive additional supports from the department.

We are writing to inform you that Hardin County Middle School is identified for Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) as required by ESSA and the U.S. Department of Education during the 2022-2023 school year. This designation was the result of lower-than-expected performance in one student subgroup.

Our school is working hard with the district and the Tennessee Department of Education to increase student performance by ensuring a cohesive core curriculum rich in texts, controlled use of student technology, and concentrated supervision for students below grade level. We encourage you to help by participating in the implementation of our school improvement plan and by working with our Parent Action Council to help improve our school. We appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

Duane R. Eliff

Principal