



Dana Elementary School
690 Ridge Road
Hendersonville NC 28792

September 17, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope that you and your child are having a good school year. As a parent/guardian of a student in Dana Elementary School, I am writing this letter to let you know about a couple of our successes from 2019. Two years ago Dana met our growth goal overall with our students; and our reading proficiency has improved from 2018 - 2019. Because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, there were no academic assessments at the end of last school year. This year, we have added several online websites so students can work at school or at home. These titles include RazKids, iReady Reading in addition to iReady Math. The third grade teachers also were trained on Letterland and have added Letterland to their daily literacy block.

As with any success, we also target room to grow and improve. This year, Dana Elementary School, has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement- Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school and a Targeted Support & Improvement- Consistently Underperforming (TSI-CU) 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. TSI-CU schools in North Carolina are those that have a subgroup that is consistently 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 / TSI-CU school, Dana Elementary 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. For example, our comprehensive plan will address focus on the areas outlined in our school improvement plan, which can be found on our website, or through this link:

http://www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Dana_School_Improvement_2018-2020_ADA-1.pdf

Parent engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways you can help:

- Make sure that both you and your child 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 child's teacher(s).
- Call Beth Caudle 828-685-7743 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 child.
- Make sure that your student is prepared and attends school each day.
- Monitor your child's homework.
- Monitor the progress your student is making and attend meetings with your child's teacher(s).
- Keep track of our website and social media sites

Twitter: @Dana_Elementary

Instagram: danawildcats

Facebook: Dana Elementary School

Preparing our students so that they can succeed is not easy and is a group effort. If you are interested in accessing additional resources that can help your child or your child's school, please contact your child's teacher/s or the principal.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Beth Caudle at bacaudle@hcpsnc.org or 828-685-7743.

Sincerely,

Beth Caudle