

**Bruce Drysdale Elementary School**  
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**“Reaching all students and teaching them to be successful step by step”**

**Jason Joyce, Principal**

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope that you and your child are having a fantastic school year. As a parent/guardian of a student in Bruce Drysdale School, I am writing this letter to let you know about a couple of our successes this year. We have had a wonderful start to the school year. We have implemented safety protocols to help protect our staff and students regarding COVID-19. You can imagine the enormous challenges we have faced with getting back to a normal school year and overcoming the academic and social emotional challenges that everyone faces today. Our teachers and students have made full commitments to academic teaching and learning each day. We are improving each day at being able to navigate our school world in these challenging times. We certainly look forward to being able to serve our students and families this school year.

As with any success, we also target room to grow and improve. This year, Bruce Drysdale, 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, Bruce Drysdale 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:

<https://www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org/district/about-us/school-improvement-plans/>

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 student 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 student's teacher(s).
- Contact your student's teacher at (828)697-5568 if you have questions or concerns about your student and/or to set up an appointment to meet.
- Make sure that your student is prepared and attends school each day.
- Monitor the progress your student is making and attend meetings with your student's teacher(s).
- Keep track of our website and social media sites: <http://www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org/bds/> on facebook at Bruce Drysdale PTO, and @bdsbearkittens on Twitter.

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 the school at (828) 697-5568.

Sincerely,  
Jason Joyce