⭐ **ETOWAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
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Dr. Amanda Childers, Principal ~ Mrs. Andi Marshall, Small School Administrator

Dear Etowah Elementary School Parents and Families,

We hope that you and your family have a wonderful start to the 2026-2027 school year. We are thrilled to have your child here at Etowah Elementary School! Our school is proud to be a Title I School, which means that we receive federal funds to help impact student learning. The amount of federal dollars that Title I schools receive is based on the percentage of economically disadvantaged students. Our past enrollment showed 68% of our students fell into this category. The federal government determines percentages based on the number of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch. It is inherently valuable to our school that each family complete the free and reduced lunch form regardless of whether your family qualifies or not. Even if your child does not eat school meals, completing the application can help us. You may choose not to participate in the free and reduced lunch program, but qualifying will support the school. Forms are sent home at the beginning of the school year and are always available in our office. You can also apply online at lunchapplication.com.

We use our Title I funds in these capacities:

- To hire qualified tutors and other staff to facilitate instruction to small groups of students;
- To purchase educational materials and online subscriptions to support our curriculum;
- To expand the use of technology throughout our school;
- To provide professional development opportunities to teachers;
- To increase our media collection including Spanish materials;

Title I schools are required to keep parents notified about what's going on in our school. Specifically, Title I schools must communicate about opportunities for parents to be involved in school and about your rights as a parent. Our school conducts a variety of Parent Engagement activities every year. These activities are planned with help from our parents and are designed to enhance our relationships with the school community. Please watch out for information about these events. We'd love for you to join us!

Finally, our school is proud of our teachers and we are pleased that federal guidelines require that we provide information about their education and qualifications. You have the right to the following information:

- Whether the teacher has met the state qualifications for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status through which the state qualifications have been waived;
- What baccalaureate degrees have been earned by the teacher, along with the field of study and any other certifications;
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications; and
- Whether your child has received four weeks or more of instruction by a non highly-qualified teacher.

You may request this information from the school or from Dr. Marsha Justice, Director of Elementary Education and Title I, at 828-697-4733.

Sincerely,

Amanda Childers, Principal