## CSI Schools Parent Letter

 August 15, 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the State has identified your child’s school as a CSI school for the 2022-2023 school year. This letter provides important information regarding your child's school and describes the State’s process for measuring the academic performance of public schools in Nevada.

In December 2015, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law. Highlights of ESSA include holding all students to high academic standards and identifying low performing schools along with appropriate supports for school improvement. Under ESSA, there are two main school designations: Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI). Additionally, Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) is another school designation.

The State uses results from its school rating system, the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF), to identify CSI, TSI, and ATSI schools.

**CSI Schools**

CSI schools are schools that meet one or more of the following conditions:

1. Are the lowest-performing five percent (5%) of schools in Nevada based on their Index Score on the NSPF,
2. Receive a 1-Star rating on the NSPF (meaning the school has not met the state’s standards for performance),
3. Have a four-year graduation rate below sixty-seven percent (67%) for High schools only.

CSI schools are schools that get placed on the state’s Rising Stars Schools List. Rising Stars Schools will remain a part of a cohort for three years, with the goal of achieving at least a 3-Star rating by the end of its third cohort year. The State identified the first cohort of Rising Stars Schools under Nevada’s 2019 Revised ESSA Plan.

**School Specific Information**

This is the 4th year your child’s school has been identified as a CSI school. Your child’s school has been identified as a CSI school because it meets condition(s) above. You can find out specifics about those indicators by clicking on this link:

<http://nevadareportcard.nv.gov/DI/nv/washoe/veterans_memorial_s.t.e.m._academy/2018/nspf>

The following have been identified as reasons why your child’s school is underperforming:

* Lack of Language Acquisition in early grades (K-2)
* Students processing multiple languages between school and home
* Teacher capacity regarding language acquisition in Tier 1 Instruction- Teachers do not fully understand the language demands of the academic standards of Level 3 and 4 students across content areas

Your child’s school will receive increased levels of support which will include:

* Strategic planning of academic language across all content areas in PLCs (with ELD Facilitator)
* Co-teaching of language of all content standards- Coaches will focus on teaching language across all content standards (ELLevation, Go-To, GLAD strategies)
* Identify specific students needing support during PLCs and MTSS meetings.
* Work with teachers to set intervention groups (schedules) and data collection during PLCs.

The following have been identified as district goals for the 2022-2023 school year:

* Academic Growth
* Developing Recruiting, and Training Highly Effective Personnel
* Family and Community Engagement
* Continuous Improvement
* Safe and Welcoming Schools

**School Specific Actions:**

To provide support and meet school and district goals, Veterans ES is using our English Language Development Facilitator allocation to co-teach, identify specific student need, and strategically plan academic language across all content areas during PLCs. Additionally, your child's school is focusing on language levels and language acquisition during Tier 1 instruction to raise overall proficiency levels on the WIDA ACCESS test. The district will support your child's school by working with teachers to set appropriate student intervention groups and schedules for data collection. Also, the district will support your child's school by working with the school to create a CSI plan. You will receive further information on how you can engage in this process, as required under federal law. You will also receive a copy of this plan once it is created.

For more information about the progress being made by your child’s school, please review the School Performance Plan on your school’s website. The school’s NSPF report is available on the Nevada Department of Education’s Report Card portal. Please contact your school at 775-333-5090 or veterans@washoeschools.net for more information.

Lastly, parent and family engagement is critical to your child’s success. You are welcome and encouraged to become involved in the academic progress of your child's school. Please visit your child’s school for information about parent and family engagement opportunities.

Sincerely,

Monique Madrid, Principal