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TSI Schools Parent Letter

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that your child's school has been newly identified as a TSI school for the 2022-2023 school year. This letter provides important information regarding your child's school and describes the protocol 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 (TSI) 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.

TSI Schools

TSI schools are schools that meet the following conditions:

- Schools with consistently underperforming subgroups (25 students or more) across these indicators
 - Academic Achievement: Math and ELA proficiency (for elementary schools, Read by Grade 3 proficiency),
 - Academic Growth,
 - English Learner Growth,
 - Student Engagement.
- Schools with underperforming subgroups in the Academic Achievement indicator AND two other indicators

TSI schools are schools with consistently underperforming student subgroups that did not meet targets for two years in a row.

School Specific Information

This is the 3rd year your child's school has been identified as a TSI school. Your child's school has been identified as a TSI school because it meets the condition(s) listed above. You can find out specifics about those indicators by clicking on this link:

http://nevadareportcard.nv.gov/DI/nv/washoe/lincoln_park_elementary/2018/nspf/

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The following root causes have been identified as reasons why your child's school has been listed as underperforming:

- Lincoln Park is working towards creating an authentic PLC process.
- Small group interventions were not held with fidelity during the 2021-2022 school year.
- A schoolwide MTSS structure was not implemented during the 2021-2022 school year.
- Engagement Strategies and Differentiation differ across grade levels.
- Lack of focus on EL Strategies within the classroom.
- EL focus across grade levels became stagnant.
- Overall Chronic Absenteeism for students Kindergarten through 5th grade was 13% for the 2021-2022 school year.

With this determination, your child's school will receive increased levels of support which will include:

1. Access to the CSI/TSI/TSI-ATSI Microsoft Team which gives updates regarding designation, information and access to trainings, updates from the Nevada Department of Education, and all relevant information for designated schools.
2. Priority scheduling for professional development, professional trainings, data analysis, and meetings designed to navigate designation status.
3. Access to information that outlines their designation, target areas for improvement, professional development, and guidance in CIP-SPP planning.
4. Access to the Nevada Department of Education CSI/TSI/TSI-ATSI padlet which contains information, training updates, and other valuable tools for school improvement.

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, Lincoln Park ES is using Title I and ESSER funding to provide additional professional learning opportunities and PLC time outside of contract hours. Additionally, your child's school is analyzing student and schoolwide data to ensure that all students can participate in and master grade-level standards. The district will support your child's school by hiring Learning Facilitators and coaching staff that will be used to disaggregate student data to

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improve instruction and student outcomes. Also, the district will support your child's school by working with the school to create a TSI 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 at Nevada Department of Education's Report Card portal. Please contact your school at 775-353-5570 or lincolnpark@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,

Heather Curtis, Principal