Mooreland Heights Families,

I am writing to inform you that the federal Department of Education has released 2023-24 designations for schools. As many of you know, Mooreland Heights Elementary has been identified as a Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) school.

This is a federal designation assigned to schools with low school performance among student groups. Schools that receive a federal designation receive support from the district to refocus attention on closing achievement gaps and increasing student outcomes. More information regarding federal designations can be found on [TDOE’s Federal Designations FAQ](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/cpm/DST_Website_FAQs-Approved.pdf).

At Mooreland Heights, we are committed to remaining focused on the district’s four priorities: *Excellence in Foundational Skills, Great Educators in Every School, Career Empowerment and Preparation, and Success for Every Student*.

This year, we have identified a series of school improvement strategies to accelerate student learning and prepare every student for success. Specifically, we are:

* Continuing to deepen our work around Tier 1 and individualized instruction through the analysis of data and planning with educators
* Partnering with Just Right Readers to provide take-home resources to specifically support individual reading gaps, and
* Developing specific strategies and interventions to monitor the progress of support for students with academics and/or social-emotional development concerns

As always, we appreciate your ongoing support and commitment to Mooreland Heights. We look forward to continuing to update you on our school improvement progress and the gains our students are making in the classroom.

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