



## JACKSON COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### **Dear Parent or Guardian,**

Each year the Tennessee Department of Education examines schools' performance across several different indicators to provide an overall look at how schools are serving the needs of all students. For 2018-19, the department of education included the following indicators in its analysis of school accountability:

- Student achievement
- Chronic absenteeism
- Student growth
- English learner proficiency exam (ELPA)

More information on each of these indicators and the data used to define them can be found in the [2019 Accountability Protocol](#). Under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the department is required to use the school accountability results to identify those schools with the lowest performance and the lowest performance across student groups (e.g., individual racial/ethnic student groups, students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged, and English learners). These schools will receive additional support from the department.

We are writing to inform you that Jackson County Middle School is identified for Targeted Support and Improvement as required by ESSA and the U.S. Department of Education. TSI schools are those that fall in the bottom five percent for their weighted overall accountability score for any given student subgroup (i.e. Black/Hispanic/Native American, Economically Disadvantaged, English Learners, or Students with Disabilities) or any given racial or ethnic group (i.e., Hispanic/Latino, Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, Asian, and White). These schools will be supported by the department and are eligible for additional funding. Additionally, TSI school identification will occur annually.

Jackson County Middle School is identified for the following student groups:

- Economically Disadvantaged
- White

Our school is working hard with the district and the Tennessee Department of Education to increase student performance by utilizing programs such as IXL and Freckle. We will also be using new resources in some classrooms such as Expeditionary Learning. RTI will continue to be vital in our school. We encourage you to help by participating in the development and implementation of our school improvement plan and our parent engagement nights held regularly throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Gary Tinsley  
Principal