



Dear IMS Families,

Each year, we are mandated to participate in EOG(end of grade) testing. As stated in ESSA(Every School Succeeds Act) Section 1111(d)(2), North Carolina has to identify schools for targeted support and improvement based on results from end of grade assessments. Each school has subgroups upon which the state looks at for growth and improvement. Examples of subgroups are grade level, age, gender, race, disability, etc. When a subgroup is considered to be under-performing, a school is designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school. The intent of this designation is to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

This letter is to inform families that Island Montessori has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. As a TSI-AT school, Island Montessori, is required to develop a comprehensive plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve student achievement. The plan will also include how our administration will support the staff and monitor the progress of our school. The comprehensive plan will address the following areas:

- Classroom Management
- Standards-aligned Instruction
- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
- Instructional Leadership
- Recruitment & Retention of Effective Teachers
- Support for Grade-to-Grade Transitions
- Implementation of a Tiered Instructional System
- Data-Driven Decision Making
- Student Support Services
- Family and Community Engagement

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Alicia Rheel at [arheel@islandmontessorischool.com](mailto:arheel@islandmontessorischool.com) or 910-795-4860.

Sincerely,

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