



METRO
NASHVILLE
PUBLIC
SCHOOLS

Shuler Pelham, Ed.D.

Executive Principal Hillsboro High School

andrew.pelham@mnps.org

615-298-8400 phone

615-298-8402 fax

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Subject: Important Announcement – State Designation as an Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) School

We value your ongoing support and partnership in fostering an environment of academic excellence at Hillsboro High School. Today, I am writing to inform you about an important development concerning our school's designation.

We were recently notified that, based on last school year data, Tennessee Department of Education identified Hillsboro as a ATSI school as per the state's academic performance criteria. While this designation may raise questions and concerns, it is essential to understand that this classification is not a reflection of your child's individual performance, but rather an indication that our school community has been selected for additional support and resources to enhance educational outcomes. This was based on the low performance of one of ten federally identified subgroups.

At Hillsboro High School we are committed to providing the best education possible for every student. We view this designation as an opportunity to further strengthen our educational programs and implement targeted strategies that will benefit all students as well as our underperforming subgroups. We are dedicated to ensuring that each child receives the support they need to thrive academically and personally.

To address this designation, we will be working closely with MNPS' Office of Innovation, Tennessee Department of Education educational experts, and community stakeholders to develop and implement a comprehensive improvement plan. This plan will focus on areas such as curriculum enhancement, teacher professional development, and increased family engagement, among other key initiatives to ensure every student is known.

Please know that your child's well-being and educational journey remain our top priorities. We are confident that with your continued support, Hillsboro High School will emerge from this designation stronger and more capable than ever before.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at andrew.pelham@mnps.org. We are here to address any inquiries you may have.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education of your child. Together, we will navigate this designation and continue to provide a nurturing and enriching learning environment for every student.

Sincerely,

Shuler Pelham, Ed.D.
Executive Principal, Hillsboro High School