

Fredric W. Watson Elementary School



October 23, 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian,

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 ensuring that the lowest-performing schools are provided the appropriate supports for school improvement.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you about important information regarding your child's school and to detail the protocol for measuring the academic performance of public schools in Nevada. The Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) is a critical part of the Education Performance System and utilizes a five-star classification approach. In addition to the school's star rating, schools may also be designated as a Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school or a Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI/ATSI).

Watson ES has been classified as a one star school. In addition, your child's school has been identified as an ATSI school. Once identified, schools are to remain a part of a cohort for four years, including a designation year, followed by a three-year improvement phase.

Schools with an ATSI designation:

- Not designated for CSI;
- Have significant student group performance challenges that would, on their own, lead to a CSI designation (where one or more student groups perform at or below the calculated bottom 5th percentile used for CSI designations).

All schools designated as ATSI must work with their District to develop a plan to exit the ATSI designation within three years. Schools are evaluated for exit at the end of a three-year designation period.

School Specific Information

Watson ES has used the Title 1 funds to hire more teachers to reduce class sizes.

Information regarding the plan for continuous improvement, including specific goals and action steps for exiting their designation, can be located on the school's website in the School Performance Plan (SPP): A Roadmap to Success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read 'Shawn Nielsen'.

Shawn Nielsen