

## Red Bank Middle School

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Dear RBM Families,

Red Bank Middle School has been identified by the Tennessee Department of Education as a TSI/ATSI school to receive targeted support as we seek to grow as a school. By this designation, our school is continuing to focus on meeting academic goals related to our various student subgroups with additional staffing and support being provided.

Beginning last school year, our team has been working diligently to make strategic changes within our school to increase student engagement, improve attendance, reduce tardiness, increase student involvement, and positively impact student learning. Some examples of these changes include lengthening our daily homeroom, which supports building community amongst students and staff, and adjusting our bell schedule to be more academically focused. Another addition this year is Project/Problem Based Learning across all grade levels and all four content areas. This immersive learning process deepens our students' abilities to work in collaborative groups, solve problems, and create unique solutions. Academically, we are strategically increasing opportunities for student discourse and activities that allow students to demonstrate high level learning beyond the less rigorous completion of a worksheet. We continue to have big plans for our LIONS, and as I compose this letter, RBMS is finalizing our STEAM designation application based on our school wide focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics!

We know that our intentional allocation of Supplemental Funds toward the creation of a Behavior Support Team (The ROAR Team) is having lasting positive effects on our students and our school. The dedication of our staff helps us connect and engage with students in ways that are having positive impacts as our students continue to demonstrate an upward trajectory on schoolwide HCS Benchmarks. As always, our goal is for students to have their best school year yet!

The Red Bank Middle School team strives to provide the very best educational opportunities for each student, across all subject areas, every day. As always, we appreciate what our parents and families do to support students by working with them at home, checking in on their grades and missing assignments via PowerSchool, in addition to partnering with teachers. If at any time you have questions, please let us know.

Thanks so much for your support for Red Bank Middle.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ginger Frady Principal