



WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2016-17 educational progress for the West Elementary. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Josh Baumbach for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the Wyoming Public School district web site at www.wyoming.k12.mi.us and look for the Annual Education Report (AER) link on the left side of the page, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. This link will provide multiple options for information related to the school, including this letter, School Data (through the State website MiSchool Data), and our School Improvement Plan (SIP).

For the State of Michigan in the 2016-17 year, schools were identified using new definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has three or more underperforming student subgroups. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. West Elementary has not been given one of the aforementioned labels.

The following challenges have been identified: **Math:** As measured by the 2017 M-Step assessment 43% of our 3rd graders and 12% of our 4th graders were proficient in the area of mathematics. With regard to our spring 2017 district math screener, the following year-end proficiency percentages were identified: 79% (Kindergarten); 40% (1st grade); 83% (2nd grade); 53% (3rd grade); 54% (4th grade). **Reading:** As measured by the 2017 M-Step Assessment 27% of our 3rd graders and 25.9% of our 4th graders are proficient in the area of language arts. As measured by the Scholastic Reading Inventory, the following year- end proficiency percentages were identified in the spring of 2017: 48% (2nd grade); 48% (3rd grade); 68% (4th grade).

In order to continue to address the aforementioned challenges, the following initiatives are being undertaken at West Elementary to improve student achievement and close gaps in achievement: continued implementation of Thinking Maps, a component of SIOP; writing across all content areas, explicit math and reading instruction with emphasis on literacy strategies and mathematical practices. West has also allocated some of the title funds to provide support for targeted intervention in literacy and math. Intervention will provide small group support to students who have been identified as at-risk and achieving below grade level.

State law requires that we also report additional information

1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Wyoming students are assigned by geographic area to a school, but are openly accepted by in-district school of choice to attend a different school of their parent's choice. Students from outside the district are accepted each Spring/Summer as part of the Kent County School of Choice Plan.

2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Our School Improvement Team meets twice a month (minimally) to reflect on academic goals and the culture of the building to best support the school's philosophy and student learning. Our School Improvement Team consists of six teachers representing the core content areas and non-core areas, one support staff, one parent, and the principal. The team uses data and research to develop goals and action plans for addressing the goals. Academic goals are set in each content area and progress monitored throughout the academic year.

3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL:

The primary mission for West Elementary is teaching and learning for all. Equally important to our staff is that all students will be cared for and supported by meeting their individual needs. To meet these goals we partner with Kent School Services Network to support a true school community partnership. We believe that strong school and community partnerships will provide our students and families with access to valuable resources such as mentorships, tutoring opportunities, parenting courses, social services, and numerous opportunities for family engagement.

4. IDENTIFY HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE'S MODEL

Wyoming Public Schools utilizes the State of Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations and other state documents, which are aligned through work with the Kent County and Wyoming curriculums to assure alignment of standards and objectives for instruction and assessment. Brief standard brochures are available on the district website, <http://www.wyoming.k12.mi.us>. The full curriculum is available for review through requesting it at the building or central office.

5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

West Elementary measures student achievement locally using the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI), Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS), and district standards assessments. The data indicates an increase of achievement from the beginning to the end of the academic year. To view a copy of the 2016-2017 Performance Summary, as well as the data from the previous two years, please visit: <https://www.mischooldata.org/AER2018/CombinedReport2.aspx>.

6. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

West Elementary believes that family engagement is an integral component to supporting student achievement and a providing quality learning experience. For the past two we have averaged 96-98% attendance at parent/teacher conferences.

West students continue to demonstrate strong academic achievement, which is guided by our dedicated teachers, support staff, and parents. We recognize the need to improve our achievement in all content areas so that our students will possess the skills to be leaders in the 21st century. We will continue to provide ongoing and in depth professional development to our teaching staff to ensure they have the best tools to teach our students with. Thank you for all you do to continue to support the achievement of our students!

Sincerely,

Josh Baumbach
Principal

West Elementary