



Hopkins 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 2015-16 educational progress for Sycamore Elementary School. 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 Amy Mielke for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/6nfJEH>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child’s school.

For the 2016-17 year, no new Priority or Focus schools were named; some Priority or Focus schools did exit their status because they met the exit criteria. New Reward schools were identified using school rankings and Beating the Odds information. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap between the highest and lowest achieving 30% of schools. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Reward school is one that has achieved one or more of the following distinctions: top 5% of schools on the Top-to-Bottom School Rankings, top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement (improvement metric), or “Beating the Odds” by outperforming the school’s predicted ranking and/or similar schools. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases no label is given.

Sycamore Elementary was identified as a Reward School.

Trends in student achievement data indicate that Sycamore Elementary School has key challenges in the areas of reading and math, particularly with students who score in the lower 30% as indicated on the M-Step. The Sycamore Elementary staff has worked to address these challenges through the School Improvement process, developing teams of teachers, support staff and parents to implement specific plans including an RtI program. This process involves ongoing data collection and review, which drives core instruction and small group interventions in reading and math.

Key initiatives to accelerate achievement:

- Continue to develop our RtI program with targeted interventions for students that need additional time and support to be successful.
- Continue to assess students in math and reading and use data to guide instruction.
- Develop a schedule that affords teachers within the same grade levels common planning time to collaborate on improving instruction and delivery.
- Use running records to determine student reading levels and celebrate student successes.

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State law requires that we also report the following information about Sycamore Elementary:

1. The process the district uses for assigning pupils to elementary schools is based, primarily, on their primary residence and, secondarily, on their child care location.
2. We are presently in our 4th year of our school improvement process. Goals for comprehension, problem solving, and writing have been developed based on student data.
3. Both Hopkins Elementary and Sycamore Elementary schools operate under the same academic rigor and goals. We strive for consistency in excellence in each school and work closely together to achieve that academic success.
4. As mandated by the State of Michigan, Hopkins Public Schools has developed a core curriculum at all school levels. Outcomes to be achieved by all students have been defined based upon the district's educational mission, student performance objectives, and the Common Core State Standards. Copies of the Core Curriculum is available on line at <http://www.corestandards.org/>
5. Hopkins Public Schools continues to achieve academic success with above average test scores in all state assessments. Current M-Step scores and data can be accessed through the following link:

<https://www.mischoldata.org/DistrictSchoolProfiles/ReportCard/EducationDashboard.aspx>

Student achievement results for our DIBELS and Delta Math are included here. These graphs show the proficiency levels at each grade level.

<i>Delta Math Assessment (% Correct)</i>		
	Spring '15	Spring '16
Kindergarten	65%	71%
First Grade	74%	81%
Second Grade	68%	78%
Third Grade	63%	75%
Fourth Grade	73%	72%
Fifth Grade	88%	76%

DIBELS						
	2014-15			2015-16		
Grade	At /Above Benchmark	Below Benchmark	Well Below Benchmark	At /Above Benchmark	Below Benchmark	Well Below Benchmark
Kindergarten	52%	37%	12%	67%	22%	12%
First Grade	65%	19%	17%	74%	13%	13%
Second Grade	57%	23%	19%	67%	17%	17%
Third Grade	64%	18%	18%	69%	7%	24%
Fourth Grade	53%	21%	26%	58%	26%	16%
Fifth Grade	68%	23%	9%	67%	15%	19%

6. Parent Teacher Conferences are held during the first and third trimesters. Additional conferences, or ICT meetings, are held whenever a student is not making adequate progress. Approximately 98% (2014-15) and 98% (2015-16) of Sycamore Elementary parents attend these conferences on a consistent basis.

We are proud of our programs at Sycamore Elementary and are committed to continuous improvement based on research based professional decisions, data analysis, and increased rigor. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff, and our community in this effort. Thank you for your interest in Sycamore Elementary.

Sincerely,

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