

# WEALTHY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## 2016-2017 Annual Education Report



### EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present our Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2015-2016 educational progress for Wealthy 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 me for assistance at [callen@egrps.org](mailto:callen@egrps.org).

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website [link](#) or you may review a copy in the school main office. This cover letter is available at [link](#).

For the 2016-2017 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. Our school was not identified with any of these labels.

#### **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

We are proud to report that for fall of 2016, that 99% of Wealthy's 391 students were represented by parents. 100% of Wealthy's students were represented by parents at fall and spring conferences, or by follow-up appointment during the 2015-2016 and 2014-2015 school years (based upon the fall count of 421 students and 404 students respectively).

#### **SCHOOL PLACEMENT**

Placement in any of our three elementary buildings is based on attendance area, availability, and class size. At the secondary level, we have one middle school for students in grades 6-8 and one high school for students in grades 9-12.

## CORE CURRICULUM

As part of our Strategic Plan, East Grand Rapids Public Schools' teachers, parents, administrators, and community members work together to align all curriculum areas with state and national standards. The Common Core State Standards have been embedded into our K-12 ELA, K-12 mathematics, and 6-12 social studies and science curricula. Our goal is to develop an integrated framework for 21<sup>st</sup> century student outcomes that encompasses curriculum, instruction, and assessment, which ultimately affect student learning. All curriculum documents are available on our website: [www.egrps.org/District/Curriculum/index.html](http://www.egrps.org/District/Curriculum/index.html).

Through collaboration at every level, East Grand Rapids stands out as a model of public school success and we have received many state and national accolades, honors, and awards in our long history. We view these achievements as a challenge as we endeavor to continually improve our curriculum and instructional practices to meet the needs of all students.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR LOCAL AND NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

### MATH 2016-2017, 2015-2016 & 2014-2015

Wealthy					
MAP: Math 2-5 Common Core Common Core Mathematics					
Term	Grade	Student Count	Mean RIT	Std Dev	Median
Fall 2016-2017	2	65	180.0	12.7	183
Winter 2015-2016	2	71	195.6	9.8	196
Fall 2015-2016	2	72	183.3	12.9	185
Winter 2014-2015	2	67	194.2	10.2	195
Fall 2014-2015	2	67	183.8	13.4	184
Fall 2016-2017	3	71	197.7	8.8	198
Winter 2015-2016	3	75	207.8	9.9	208
Fall 2015-2016	3	76	197.7	9.3	199
Winter 2014-2015	3	61	205.3	9.3	206
Fall 2014-2015	3	62	196.5	10.5	197
Fall 2016-2017	4	76	212.1	11.3	211
Winter 2015-2016	4	65	216.0	10.7	217
Fall 2015-2016	4	66	206.4	11.3	208
Winter 2014-2015	4	79	217.9	12.3	220
Fall 2014-2015	4	79	210.2	11.8	209
Fall 2016-2017	5	67	219.4	12.9	220
Winter 2015-2016	5	75	223.6	11.6	225
Fall 2015-2016	5	77	217.8	11.4	217
Winter 2014-2015	5	72	227.3	15.1	227
Fall 2014-2015	5	72	223.0	14.3	224

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 2016-2017, 2015-2016 & 2014-2015

Wealthy					
MAP: Language 2-12 Common Core Common Core English Language Arts					
Term	Grade	Student Count	Mean RIT	Std Dev	Median
Fall 2016-2017	2	65	182.4	14.4	181
Winter 2015-2016	2	71	197.5	13.7	200
Fall 2015-2016	2	72	183.9	16.7	186
Winter 2014-2015	2	67	195.2	16.2	198
Fall 2014-2015	2	66	181.4	17.9	186
Fall 2016-2017	3	71	198.6	12.3	198
Winter 2015-2016	3	75	208.8	10.0	210
Fall 2015-2016	3	76	199.0	13.8	199
Winter 2014-2015	3	61	205.2	11.2	208
Fall 2014-2015	3	62	198.5	12.4	201
Fall 2016-2017	4	76	208.2	11.9	209
Winter 2015-2016	4	65	209.4	12.5	211
Fall 2015-2016	4	66	203.8	14.4	209
Winter 2014-2015	4	79	210.1	11.9	211
Fall 2014-2015	4	79	207.1	12.8	208
Fall 2016-2017	5	67	210.9	13.2	213
Winter 2015-2016	5	80	217.0	10.2	218
Fall 2015-2016	5	78	212.2	11.3	212
Winter 2014-2015	5	72	216.4	10.2	218
Fall 2014-2015	5	72	211.9	12.4	214



## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

The School Improvement Team at Wealthy Elementary School works collaboratively with all staff to set improvement goals and to assess student academic achievement. We use data to drive our instruction and our goals are based on collaborative decision-making through analysis of formative and summative assessments.

Student assessment scores are consistently high due to staff collaboration at the building and district levels. Ongoing conversations on the topics of student achievement, curriculum, and assessment occur during grade level planning, staff meetings, and district grade level meetings.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Wealthy Elementary School students continue to demonstrate high reading achievement as measured by the percentage of students proficient on the 2016 M-STEP assessment. While the M-STEP

### READING 2016-2017, 2015-2016 & 2014-2015

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MAP: Reading 2-5 Common Core Common Core English Language Arts					
Term	Grade	Student Count	Mean RIT	Std Dev	Median
Fall 2016-2017	2	65	179.4	16.1	179
Winter 2015-2016	2	71	196.2	15.1	198
Fall 2015-2016	2	72	181.2	18.2	185
Winter 2014-2015	2	67	193.2	16.0	194
Fall 2014-2015	2	67	179.5	18.8	177
Fall 2016-2017	3	71	198.8	12.3	200
Winter 2015-2016	3	75	207.7	10.7	208
Fall 2015-2016	3	76	197.3	15.6	198
Winter 2014-2015	3	61	205.1	11.8	207
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Winter 2014-2015	4	79	210.4	10.8	212
Fall 2014-2015	4	79	205.8	13.5	207
Fall 2016-2017	5	67	213.7	11.9	216
Winter 2015-2016	5	80	218.5	11.4	219
Fall 2015-2016	5	78	213.6	11.8	212
Winter 2014-2015	5	72	221.0	12.3	223
Fall 2014-2015	5	72	212.9	12.3	212

assessment provides good school level data, our instructional focus for literacy stems from teachers administering an individualized reading assessment to each student using the Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System. This one-on-one reading assessment provides valuable data about each student's present reading ability that whole group standardized assessments cannot provide. Teachers then utilize this assessment data to design instruction so that each individual student receives instruction at their instructional reading level.

This assessment also identifies a student's independent reading level so that all students are reading material that is appropriate for them both in and out of school. This philosophy ensures that all students, regardless of existing skills, are challenged to grow. Interventions for students demonstrating need are implemented with fidelity and with frequent progress monitoring. Lastly, our balanced-literacy approach understands the relationship between reading and writing; therefore, writing instruction is systematically integrated into classroom instruction. We continue to research best practices in both reading and writing instruction with a focus on differentiated instruction so that we continually improve our ability to meet the needs of all students.

## **MATHEMATICS**

Wealthy Elementary School students have historically demonstrated math proficiency rates among the highest in the state. This state-wide success continued with the 2016 M-STEP assessment and it reflects our strategic implementation of our math curriculum, close alignment of our curriculum to State standards, and use of best teaching practices for math instruction.

The School Improvement Team is keenly focused on the analysis of M-STEP performance data as well as local assessments to ensure continuous improvement in mathematics instruction and achievement. Teachers administer pre- and post-assessments for each math unit they teach so that instruction can be individualized to meet the learning needs of each student. The team is focused on raising student math achievement rates through curriculum alignment and the development of student interventions.

## **SCHOOL CLIMATE AND CULTURE**

Positive and pro-active programs that support our school climate and culture and nourish the individual needs of each child are incorporated into our school improvement plan. Wealthy Elementary School has implemented a Positive Behavior

Intervention Support program (PBIS) that systematically evaluates school climate and culture data and responds appropriately. With this approach, students and staff focus on being a TEAM member and apply the TEAM motto every day.

The TEAM motto and its corresponding meanings are incorporated into the behavioral expectations taught in each school setting. TEAM posters define the specific expectations for each environment and have bullet-pointed expectations for how to be a responsible, safe, and respectful difference maker. In addition to TEAM Recognition Cards given to students when positive behaviors are witnessed, TEAM celebrations are held about every six weeks



that not only highlight the great things that have occurred in our school, but also provides another valuable teachable moment to positively reinforce our TEAM philosophy.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Our district provides educational interventions, opportunities, and support for students with special needs. Special Education services include early childhood, self-contained, and resource room programs, and occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychological, school social work, speech and language, and teacher consultant services. The Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team, including administrators, parents/guardians, teachers, and students when appropriate, meets at least once per year to decide what is required for each eligible student to make educational progress.

Services are provided for our preschool students, ages three to five, through a variety of options. We evaluate our pre-school age children at our Early Childhood Assessment Center. A continuum of services are provided, based on student need, including Early Childhood Home and Community, Early Childhood Special Education Classroom, and related itinerant services.

Resource room support is provided in each of our elementary school buildings. East Grand Rapids Middle and High Schools also provide resource room services for eligible students. By their sixteenth birthday, all East Grand Rapids special

education students plan transition activities to reach their post-secondary vision.

Our district also offers self-contained classrooms for students with moderate cognitive impairments at the middle school and high school buildings. Additionally, through cooperative agreements with other school districts, East Grand Rapids Public Schools provide programs and services for our youngest students,

from birth to age three, and for our students who require more specialized programs.

For additional information, please contact the Special Education Department located in the James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff, or refer to the Special Education section on our website: [www.egrps.org/District/Special-Education/index.html](http://www.egrps.org/District/Special-Education/index.html).



At Wealthy Elementary School, we believe that children learn best when challenged, motivated, and supported in their classrooms. The staff are committed to providing quality education for all our students in a safe, nurturing learning environment where inquiry and creativity are fostered. Our positive, proactive approach to learning cultivates an environment where every student is valued and an integral part of our TEAM. Our whole-child focus, combined with staff and parents who are committed to serving the individual needs of all students, are but a few of the attributes that make Wealthy Elementary School a special place to learn and grow.

Sincerely,

Carlye B. Allen  
Principal

