



District Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

March 13, 2017

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 our district, Howell Public Schools, and our individual schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact the Instructional Services department at instructionalservices@howellschools.com if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/dVHq8Y>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. Each school will also be communicating their own AER to parents directly.

These reports contain the following information:

Student Assessment Data – Includes the following three assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT. Presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and science for grades 4, 7, and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students. The report helps users to understand achievement performance within grades and schools, and to make comparisons to district, state, and national achievement benchmarks.

Accountability Scorecard – Detail Data and Status

The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability scorecard status.

Teacher Qualification Data

- Identifies teacher qualifications at district and school levels
- Reports percentage of core academic classes taught by teachers not considered highly qualified to teach such classes

NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

- Provides state results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8

Review the table below listing our schools. 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 status label is given.

School Name	Status Label	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement
Howell High School	NO LABEL	Student social worker support
Highlander Way Middle School	NO LABEL	Intervention courses
Parker Middle School	NO LABEL	Intervention courses
Challenger Elementary School	NO LABEL	Literacy Intervention and MTSS
Northwest Elementary School	NO LABEL	Literacy Intervention and MTSS
Ruamah J. Hutchings Elementary School	NO LABEL	Literacy Intervention and MTSS
Southeast Elementary School	NO LABEL	Literacy Intervention and MTSS
Southwest Elementary School	NO LABEL	Literacy Intervention and MTSS
Three Fires Elementary School	NO LABEL	Literacy Intervention and MTSS
Voyager Elementary School	REWARD	Literacy Intervention and MTSS

I am very proud of the work that our district has undertaken over the past year and the growth in student achievement that we are achieving. I truly believe that Howell Public Schools is on a path to

excellence. While we still have work to do, I know that our dedicated staff members are up to the task. By utilizing tools and strategies such as Reading Apprenticeship, implementing instructional rounds and updating and aligning our curriculum, Howell Public Schools will take teaching and learning to the next level.

Sincerely,

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Howell Public Schools