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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 the Elmwood 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 Tim Lyman, Principal for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/zR2n1r> 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.

State law requires that we also report additional information. Elmwood Elementary students are drawn from our identified boundary area within the Waverly Community Schools. We also accept Schools of Choice students who are assigned to Elmwood based on the available space in each grade level.

To read our most recent School Improvement report please visit this website: (<http://elmwoodelementary.net/information/school-improvement/>) we have four SI goals in our plan: a reading goal, a writing goal, a science goal and a math goal. These goals are worked on throughout the school year and reviewed and revised annually. Our PTO is given updates on our progress several times during the school year.

The curriculum we use at Elmwood Elementary is the Common Core for math and language arts. These documents can be accessed on waverlyschools.net. We are adopting the next gen science standards and use the Michigan State Objectives for social studies. Each of these are the Michigan approved guidelines/curriculum for schools to follow.

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Parents are a critical part of our success and they are welcome to volunteer in a variety of ways. Our Parent Teacher Organization is very active and sponsors a number of events that provide students and families with extracurricular activities like: assemblies, field trips, parties and walking club. Parents who are interested in volunteering should fill out the proper paperwork and contact the main office, respond to requests in classroom newsletters or sign up for a specific event at our annual Open House. Parent participation was again very high for parent teacher conferences. At Elmwood, 331 or 96% of parents attended meetings with their child's teacher. The remaining four percent were all contacted by phone to maintain regular communication for all parents and students.

Sincerely,

Tim Lyman, Principal
Elmwood Elementary School

