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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 2021-22 educational progress for 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 Principal Molly Francis for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website **<https://mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1/>** or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2021-22 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2018-19. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state in 2017-18. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2016-17. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school was identified as not been given one of these labels.

The curricula we use at Elmwood Elementary are based on the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for math and language arts. CCSS documents can be accessed on waverlyschools.net. We use the Next Generation Science Standards and use the Michigan State Objectives for social studies. Each of these are the Michigan-approved guidelines/curriculum for schools to follow.

Elmwood uses Reading Street as our reading curriculum. English language arts teachers implement the curriculum on a daily basis as they help students build reading skills like vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency. Assessments – quizzes, tests, and authentic reading and writing tasks – are given throughout each unit to track students' academic progress. Reading Street covers Michigan's state standards for English language arts.

For math, Elmwood uses GoMath as our curriculum. Math teachers provide instruction each day, teaching skills like computation, problem solving, and algebraic and mathematical thinking. Teachers monitor student progress through the use of in-class practice (both online and in writing), quizzes and tests, and projects. Michigan's state standards in math are covered in the Go Math curriculum.

To access any of these core curricula, please contact Mr. Christopher Huff, Director of Teaching and Learning (chuff@waverlyk12.net, 517-321-7265 ext. 3030).

Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, accurate summative standardized test data is not available. This year, Waverly moved to using the Fast Bridge computer-adaptive test for screening students, diagnosing areas of academic concern, and monitoring the progress of our students. Because this is a new test, we do not have longitudinal data, but we are excitedly looking forward to the end of the year to see the information we can glean from this testing.

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 such as a bowling night, a trip to the Lumnuts stadium for a game, and an end of the year celebration party. At this time, we are not allowing visitors into the building due to the global COVID pandemic, but we are looking forward to the return of parent volunteers in the future. Parent participation was again very high for parent teacher conferences. At Elmwood, 87% of parents attended virtual meetings with their child's teacher. The remaining families were all contacted by phone to maintain regular communication for all parents and students.

We are proud of our Elmwood students and teachers for their hard work and of our Elmwood community for their constant support. We look forward to continual academic and social growth for all our students, and, as always, we are proud to be Waverly Warriors.

Sincerely,

Molly Francis
Principal
Elmwood Elementary School