

Morrice Area 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 2014-15 educational progress for the Morrice 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 Kelly Roe, principal for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: www.morrice.k12.mi.us , or you may review a copy in the main office.

Morrice Elementary staff have a clear vision of the direction we are headed in continuing to raise overall student achievement while providing specialized programming to meet individual student need. Our data driven program changes and research based instructional practices are addressing our challenge to bring school assessment scores to meet or exceed State averages. Morrice students are showing improvement in most categories and we are especially encouraged to report our 6th grade group for 2014-15 scored above the State average in content areas of reading and math!

1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Morrice Elementary contains students in grades preschool through sixth. The average enrollment for the past four years has been 333 students; with a current enrollment of 331 students.

2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The School Improvement Team (SIT) has been helpful in guiding the school improvement efforts in the Elementary Building. Extensive goals are in place for improving ELA (reading and writing), Math, Science, and Social Studies. Our school improvement focus at the elementary building has been to ensure student success by improving student achievement at all levels. We are completing our efforts of curriculum alignment in all content areas with transition to the Common Core for reading, math and social studies and Next Generation for science.

3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF OUR SCHOOL

The elementary school provides education for students in the kindergarten through sixth grade. The students study all core subjects and participate in a

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specials schedule to include physical education, technology, music and band is offered for 5th and 6th grade.

4. CURRICULUM

A copy of our curriculum documentation can be found on our website by clicking the curriculum tab. We are continuing our work of vertically and horizontally aligning curriculum and have made great progress. Math, Social Studies and Literacy is complete and science is continuing with transition of Next Generation. All curriculum is aligned to state standards.

5. READING PROFICIENCY

Our building wide reading proficiency has experienced a generous and steady increase over the past two years. Data is collecting using the DIBELS assessment program. We experienced improvement in Core Level from 38.3% in the fall of 2013 to 43.1% in the spring of 2014. We experienced improvement of students scoring in Core level from 40.3% in the fall of 2014 to 57% in the spring of 2015. We are on target to meet our SIP goal of 70% by the spring of 2017. The implementation of our walk-to-read program, and Response to Intervention strategies, along with data review of our assessment scores continue to be a crucial part of our intentional approach in the school improvement process.

6. CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE NUMBERS

This year 97% of the students were represented at parent-teacher conferences in the Fall and 77% in the Spring.

The collective efforts of staff, students and parents are helping Morrice Elementary to experience growth in all areas of student achievement while also building a positive and friendly school climate. I look forward to our continued success at Morrice Elementary School in providing our students with an individualized and quality education in order to help all students increase proficiency and overall academic growth.

Sincerely,



Kelly Roe