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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 2016-17 educational progress for the Vera Wilsie 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 Ms. Candy Wells, Principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/8xVdD5#StudentAssessment> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2016-17 school year, schools were identified using new definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has three or more underperforming student subgroups. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. Our school has not been given one of these labels.

The staff of Vera Wilsie Elementary is working hard to improve the achievement of all learners. One key challenge continues to be student achievement on local assessments translating to proficiency on standardized testing. Through our Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), teachers continue to focus on curriculum, instruction and assessment. Our building has specifically committed to reviewing our system of interventions and delivery of literacy instruction. This commitment includes a focus on student data, research-based instructional practices, and school-wide professional development.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

## **PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS**

Vera Wilsie is the only K-1 building in the district and residents are assigned to the building based on grade level. After the enrollment process is complete, students are assigned to classroom rosters.

Residents of Newaygo County are able to attend Newaygo Public Schools through Schools of Choice.

Residents outside of Newaygo County are able to attend Newaygo Public Schools under 105c Schools of Choice.

## **STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Our school improvement process continues to be guided through a belief in shared ownership between school administration and staff as evidenced by our PLC process. Our teams remain focused on activities, instructional practices, and professional development opportunities that will result in increased student learning and achievement. At Vera Wilsie Elementary, these efforts remain connected to the areas of curriculum, assessment and instruction. Our emphasis areas continue to be literacy and math.

## **CORE CURRICULUM**

The core curriculum of Vera Wilsie Elementary is built upon the Michigan Department of Education approved Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for Mathematics and English Language Arts. In addition, a transition from Science Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCEs) to the Michigan version of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) has begun. A copy of the core curriculum can be obtained from the Michigan Department of Education or from our school office. There are no variances from the state model.

## **A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL**

N/A

## **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS**

### *Kindergarten Achievement Results:*

Spring 2015 – Average NWEA MAP Reading RIT score was 152

Spring 2016 - Average NWEA MAP Reading RIT score was 153

### *First Grade Achievement Results:*

Spring 2015 – Average NWEA MAP Reading RIT score was 171

Average NWEA MAP Math RIT score was 178

Spring 2016 - Average NWEA MAP Reading RIT score was 174

Average NWEA MAP Reading RIT score was 179

## **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Strong, active parent participation is one of the key factors in providing excellent learning opportunities for students. Vera Wilsie Elementary encourages parental involvement. One way this involvement is demonstrated is through attendance at Parent-Teacher Conferences. In 2015, Vera Wilsie had 91% of families participate in conferences. In 2016, 94% of families participated in conferences.

The staff of Vera Wilsie has a laser-like focus on learning and student success. We will continue to examine best instructional practices in the classrooms, and the effect it has on student

success. We will continue to examine student achievement data to evaluate students' growth, as well as assess the delivery of curriculum, instruction and assessment. School data confirms that we are succeeding in our effort to provide an exceptional learning environment. We welcome your input and involvement as we help your child learn. You can learn more about our school by visiting our website. If you have any questions, please call our office at 231.652.6371.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Candy Wells". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Candy" and last name "Wells" clearly distinguishable.

Candy Wells  
Principal, Vera Wilsie Elementary