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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 Meadow Brook 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 Seth Berg at Meadow Brook Elementary School for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://www.rochester.k12.mi.us/meadow-brook-elementary/pages/114282/annual-report>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

Meadow Brook Elementary School remains a National PTA School of Excellence, which highlights our commitment to stakeholder partnerships and our strong foundation of collaboration and shared leadership. Additionally, Meadow Brook is focused on initiatives to incorporate a shift in programming and instructional philosophy toward a Culture of Thinking by engaging in targeted leadership learning supported by Harvard Project Zero's Making Thinking Visible. While Meadow Brook has experienced great success as a school based on multiple measures, there are still some key challenges. Our overall proficiency percentages have remained steady and we are seeing tools and strategies to perpetuate growth in all areas. Some areas of focus are staff challenges in meeting the needs of students who come to school with many complex issues, keeping up with changes in curriculum alignment, adjusting to new resources, and sufficient time for teachers to collaborate on best practices to meet student needs.

These areas are being address through such initiatives as the Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI), Math Lab (iReady math diagnostic and instructional intervention), Positive Behavior Intervention Systems (PBIS), and a multi-tiered intervention process (MTSS) including classroom interventions, learning consultant services, and support from a team of ancillary staff. These are all available through the general education curriculum. Our child study team uses a well-defined Problem Solving Process (PSP) to identify and address intervention and enrichment needs. The school improvement process (SIP) addresses these areas as well through initiatives such as literacy & math workshop, the Cultures of Thinking eight cultural forces, and writing across the curriculum.

Process for Assigning Pupils to the School

Students continue to be assigned to schools by grade level according to the district attendance boundaries. Students residing in the district may request open enrollment

in a school other than the one to which they are assigned during the Open Enrollment period. Open enrollment is approved on the basis of staffing and capacity in the building.

Struggling high school students are identified and assigned to the Alternative Center for Education (ACE) through the District's intervention model.

Status of the 3-5 Year School Improvement Plan

Our school improvement this past year continued to focus on the elements of enhancing instruction in Language Art and Mathematics, updating our Positive Behavior Intervention System, and implementing strategies to address our ongoing cross-curricular goals. Professional development time was used to gather data to ensure learning for all students and for staff to work collaboratively within our building and the district. Common assessments in the four core academic areas along with pacing guides continued to help teachers devise instructional strategies based on best practices. Using data gathered from the common assessments, state assessments, classroom tests and observations, Meadow Brook developed goals that addressed a culture of literacy across the curriculum, improving proficiency with basic math skills, and perpetuating a school culture based on our shared core values of safety, respect, responsibility. Based on data, Meadow Brook has also partnered with other RCS school and local districts in developing a Culture of Thinking under the guidance of Harvard educator, Ron Ritchhart.

For the 2016-17 school year Meadow Brook will continue to focus on the following goals:

All students will be proficient in reading:

All students at meadow Brook will increase proficiency in reading as measured by district and/or state assessments. We will address this goal with a focus on researched best practices classroom instruction including, differentiation of targeted groups, collaboration among teachers within and across grade levels to share strategies and outcomes.

All students will be proficient in math:

All students at Meadow Brook will increase proficiency in math as measured by district and/or state assessments. Teachers will use researched best practices and data to differentiate instruction and will specifically research strategies to target enrichment, intervention, along with daily instruction. Teacher will engage in collaboration within and across grade levels to share strategies and outcomes.

All students will be proficient in writing:

All students will increase proficiency in writing as measured by district and/or state writing assessments. Teachers will research best practices around writing instruction that focuses on organization, including details and writers' purpose and differentiated instruction. Teachers will incorporate writing across the content areas, facilitating collaboration among and across grade levels with a focus on sharing strategies and outcomes.

All students will productively contribute to a safe and respectful environment in responsible ways:

Staff has continued the development and implementation of our Positive Behavior Intervention Systems (PBIS), with focused on learning and growth in the areas of the self-regulation of emotions, conflict resolution, and restorative practices. We are implementing systems including, but not limited to the Zones of Regulation, a common voice scale spectrum, an updated office referral/data collection system with a focus on restorative practices and a foundation of a growth mindset. We are exploring strategies and philosophies aimed at empowering students, staff and parents.

Core Curriculum

Rochester Community Schools continues to implement a comprehensive curriculum for all students. The curriculum is based on, and aligns with, the Michigan Department of Education’s Michigan Curriculum Framework.

The Curriculum department continues to focus on developing a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) to meet the needs of all students, providing alternate educational experiences for students and more flexible time for students learning beyond the traditional school day.

Additional information about the districts core curriculum can be found at the following website: <http://www.rochester.k12.mi.us/pages/128526/elementary-education>

Student Achievement Results from Nationally Normed Tests

Meadow Brook has fully implemented and adhered to the state testing system, M-Step. As we continue to process the data and navigate the requirements, Meadow Brook will see an increase in test scores from year to year and will communicate this success to all stakeholders.

Additional information about performance can be found at the following website: https://www.mischooldata.org/NewAer/CombinedReport2.aspx?Common_Locations=1-S,9307,1518,106&Common_LocationIncludeComparison=False&Portal_InquiryDisplayType=None

Parent Attendance at Conferences

Parent Attendance at Conference	Percent of Parents
Fall Conferences	97%

Congratulations Meadow Brook for all your hard work and dedication in the 2015-2016 school year. Our students, teachers, support staff, and parents continue to amazing me with their efforts in and outside of the classroom. Their true dedication to our school community is outstanding! We are looking forward to a successful 2016-2017 school year. Go Meadow Mice!

Sincerely,

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