



Lincoln Elementary School

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Re: Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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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 2014-2015 educational progress for Lincoln Elementary School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by state and federal laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Bennett Tyler, principal of Lincoln Elementary, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: www.shps.org or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

While Lincoln Elementary had many outstanding accomplishments this year, we continue to collect and analyze student achievement data so that we can address any achievement gaps that exist. For example, we have identified gaps between our students with disabilities and without disabilities. In addition, a gap exists between our economically disadvantaged students and non-economically disadvantaged students. To address these gaps, teachers continue to differentiate instruction to meet the individual needs of each student. We also use a multi-tiered system of support (RtI) to meet the academic needs of our students and a school-wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Support system (PBIS), including the Marvin and Jessie character education program, to support positive behavior.

State law requires that we report additional information.

Process for Student Assignments

South Haven Public Schools has two K-3 elementary buildings. Students are assigned to each building based on their geographic location (address). School of choice students are placed in both buildings, Lincoln Elementary or Maple Grove Elementary, based on student enrollment numbers.

School Description

Lincoln Elementary has about 288 students (Fall 2015). Approximately 50% of those students are White, 23% are Hispanic/Latino, 13% are African American, 13% are Two or More Races, and 1% are American Indian or Alaskan Native. 100% of Lincoln students receive free/reduced lunch. 73.9% of Lincoln students are economically disadvantaged. 15% of Lincoln students are English Language Learners.

Approximately 35 students receive special education services.

3-5 Year School Improvement Plan

Lincoln Elementary, as part of the South Haven Public School District, is accredited by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). We continue to update our School Improvement Plan for the 2016-2017 school year. You can view our plan by visiting the following website: lincoln.shps.org

Access to the Core Curriculum

Lincoln Elementary aligns curriculum resources with state content standards. Common assessments are aligned to the curriculum and used to assess student progress. The Atlas Rubicon system provides a curriculum warehouse for the intended curriculum as well as the actual curriculum used by teachers.

Student Achievement Results

All students, kindergarten through third grade, take the Northwest Education Association (NWEA) tests in reading and math. NWEA tests are computer adaptive which make them appropriate for each child’s level of learning. Teachers communicate the test results to parents and use the data to improve curriculum and instruction.

Grade	NWEA Reading Spring 2014	NWEA Reading Spring 2015	NWEA Reading National Average	NWEA Math Spring 2014	NWEA Math Spring 2015	NWEA Math National Average
K	161	161	158	163	165	159
1	176	175	178	179	178	181
2	182	198	189	184	185	192
3	199	183	199	199	197	203

*NWEA Average RIT scores by grade

Parent/Teacher Attendance

Lincoln Elementary conducts parent/teacher conferences once per year. The number of parents/guardians participating in conferences and the overall percentage of parent/guardian participation is listed in the table below.

	2014 Fall Conferences	2015 Fall Conferences

Conferences attended by parent/guardian	225	243
Total number of conferences scheduled	252	274
Percentage of parents/guardians participating	89%	89%

*Data reported by parent/teacher conference attendance logs

The Lincoln Elementary staff is committed to the district's vision. South Haven Public Schools is THE district of choice, where all students graduate with outstanding academic skills and exemplary character. With family and community support, we will continue to make improvements and provide an excellent education for our students.

Sincerely,

Bennett Tyler

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