



# Emerald Elementary

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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 Emerald Elementary. 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 Mr. Erik E. Mason for assistance.

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

For the 2016-17 year, no new Priority or Focus schools were named; some Priority or Focus schools did exit their status because they met the exit criteria. New Reward schools were identified using school rankings and Beating the Odds information. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap between the highest and lowest achieving 30% of schools. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Reward school is one that has achieved one or more of the following distinctions: top 5% of schools on the Top-to-Bottom School Rankings, top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement (improvement metric), or "Beating the Odds" by outperforming the school's predicted ranking and/or similar schools. 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.

Emerald Elementary has adopted a new text book and resources for Mathematics in grades K-5. Teachers have attended professional development on the new text book and will continue to do so in the upcoming school year. The math series is also monitored through the program evaluation tool to monitor its impact in the classroom and students achievement scores.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

## 1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

- a. Emerald Elementary is the only elementary public school within the Manistique Area Schools district. When students move into our district, parents/guardians complete an enrollment packet. Once the enrollment information has been received by school officials, the principal assigns the student to a class at the appropriate grade level.

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

- a. The faculty and staff of Emerald Elementary School are continuously revising and updating our School Improvement Plan. This current school year, the Emerald staff is implementing a new math curriculum in grades K-5. Our current plan expires in the Fall of 2017.

## 3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL

- a. Emerald Elementary School partners with the Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School District's Learning Center located at 2203 Seventh Avenue South in Escanaba, MI. This center provides educational programs and services to students with handicaps who reside in the Manistique Area Schools district. Classroom programs through the Learning Center include pre-primary impaired, autistic impaired, trainable mentally impaired and severely mentally impaired.

## 4. IDENTIFY HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE'S MODEL

- a. During the 2016-2017 school year, the faculty at Emerald Elementary will continue to realign curriculum to match the States Standards for each grade level. A copy of the curriculum can be accessed in the Emerald Elementary library.

## 5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

- a. On the Winter AIMSweb assessment for the 2016/17 school year:
  - 57% of our 3rd grade students were at benchmark in reading comprehension.
  - 47% of our 3rd grade students were at benchmark in math concepts and applications.
  - 63.5% of our 4th grade students were at benchmark in reading comprehension.
  - 71.3% of our 4th grade students were at benchmark in math concepts and applications.
  - 81.4% of our 5th grade students were at benchmark in reading comprehension.
  - 89% of our 5th grade students were at benchmark in math concepts and applications.The mentioned assessments were compared to National Norms set by AIMSweb.  
The goal is to have 80% of the students at benchmark in the above categories by the end of the 2016/2017 school year.
- a. On the Winter AIMSweb assessment for the 2015/16 school year:
  - 52% of our 3rd grade students were at benchmark in reading comprehension.
  - 75% of our 3rd grade students were at benchmark in math concepts and applications.
  - 78.7% of our 4th grade students were at benchmark in reading comprehension.
  - 96% of our 4th grade students were at benchmark in math concepts and applications.
  - 89.4% of our 5th grade students were at benchmark in reading comprehension.
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## 6. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

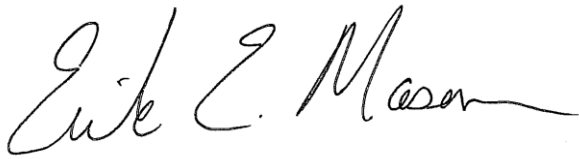
- a. Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on November 8, 2016. Attendance at the November conferences was 85%. Staff members accommodate parents who could not attend the evening event by

setting conference times throughout the week. Parent – Teacher Conferences were held the evening of the presidential election.

- b. Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on November 12, 2015. Attendance at the November conferences was 90%. Staff members accommodate parents who could not attend the evening event by setting conference times throughout the week.

The Emerald Elementary staff would like to thank our families, businesses and community for their continued support! Go to [manistiqueschools.org](http://manistiqueschools.org) to visit the district webpage, school webpage's, calendar of events, teacher websites and up to date information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erik E. Mason". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Erik E. Mason  
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Emerald Elementary