



# *Watervliet North School*

NORTH SCHOOL  
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*"We Promote Academic Excellence & Good Citizenship"*

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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 2013-2014 educational progress for Watervliet North 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 North School principal, Joseph Allen for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: [www.watervlietps.org](http://www.watervlietps.org) or you may review a copy in the principal's office at your child's school.

The state has identified some schools with the status of Reward, Focus or Priority. A Reward school is one that is outperforming other schools in achievement, growth, or is performing better than other schools with a similar student population. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap in 30% of its student achievement scores. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state.

Our school has been designated as a Focus school for the 2014-15 school year.

For 2013-2014, North School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics. While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, we are continuously working to improve. Our focus this year is to have all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students reading at grade level when they complete 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. We are also focusing on math instruction this year. We feel strongly that our MEAP scores will improve with the implementation of Professional Learning Communities at North School. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. North School is specifically staffed for 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade students.
2. Goal 1: Reading-All students will meet college/career readiness standards in READING as evidenced by MEAP achievement.

Goal 2: Writing-All students will meet college/career readiness standards in WRITING as evidenced by MEAP achievement.

Goal 3: Mathematics-All students will meet college/career readiness standards in MATHEMATICS as evidenced by MEAP achievement.

Goal 4: Data Culture-The culture of WPS will be one of continuous learning and improvement founded in data-based decision making.

1. Specialized schools and programs that we utilize.

*Special Education*-North School serves approximately 25 students in Special Education, in addition to 24 speech students. To meet individual needs, some of our students need educational programs that our district cannot provide. In cooperation with Berrien Regional Educational Service Agency (Berrien RESA) and certain neighboring districts, these students attend appropriate Special Education programs in other locations. The programs available to Watervliet students were:

Early Childhood Developmentally Delayed Program

Located at Coloma Elementary

Facilitated by Coloma Community Schools

Hearing Impaired Program

Located at Berrien Springs Public Schools

Facilitated by Berrien RESA

Cognitively Impaired Program

Located at Berrien Springs Middle School

Facilitated by Berrien Springs Public Schools

Moderately to Severely Mentally Impaired Program

Located at Blossomland Learning Center, Berrien Springs

Facilitated by Berrien RESA

Early Childhood Developmentally Delayed and Autistic Impaired Program

Located at Stewart Elementary

Facilitated by Lakeshore Public Schools

Severely Emotionally Impaired and Autistic Impaired Program

Located at Lighthouse Learning Center, St. Joseph

Facilitated by Berrien RESA

Severely Emotionally Impaired Program

Located at Niles Southside

Facilitated by Niles Community Schools

*Migrant and Bilingual Education* - Located and facilitated by Watervliet Public Schools. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students were eligible for support services during the school year.

2. North School's program of academic instruction incorporates the Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCE) and Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Information on our core curriculum can be obtained by contacting the school office. The materials we use are Scott Foresman's *Reading Streets* for language arts instruction, *Everyday Math* for mathematics instruction, *Battle Creek Science Kits* for science instruction, and Hillsdale's *Meet Michigan* for 3<sup>rd</sup> Houghton Mifflin's *States and Regions* for 4<sup>th</sup> and TCI's *America's Past* for 5<sup>th</sup> grade social studies instruction. More detailed information is available on the North School tab on the district website. We are not aware of any variations from the state curriculum framework.

At North School we administer the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP). This test is taken by all students during the month of October. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders take Reading and Math. 4<sup>th</sup> grade takes Reading, Writing and Math. 5<sup>th</sup> graders take Reading, Math and Science. These past year results can be found on the Michigan Department of Education website.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade math: 39% proficient  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading: 59% proficient

4<sup>th</sup> grade math: 47% proficient  
4<sup>th</sup> grade reading: 64% proficient

5<sup>th</sup> grade math: 45% proficient  
5<sup>th</sup> grade reading: 70% proficient  
5<sup>th</sup> grade science: 12% proficient

We also administer use an assessment referred to as NWEA, which stands for Northwest Evaluation Association. This test specifically measures students' content knowledge in reading, language usage and math. Please keep in mind that we look at a Normative Data Reference guide to help evaluate where your child's progress is compared to other students in the country.

This past school year, we had a fall enrollment of 315 students. Of those 315, North School teachers met with 285 of those students' parents. That means that 90% of our students were represented by parents at our fall parent/teacher conferences.

North School will continue to focus on student achievement as we move forward with implementing the Common Core State Standards. Your child is our number one priority. We will work tirelessly to help your child be successful at North Elementary.

Thank you in advance for the support you provide at home. Thanks as well to our devoted teachers, support staff, parents, students and Board of Education for their consistent hard work throughout the year. I look forward to continued growth and achievement for the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

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