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Collins 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 2018-2019 education progress for Collins 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 the building principal for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: <http://bit.ly/2ufJQlc> or you may review a copy in the principal's office at your child's school.

State of Michigan Rankings

For the 2018-2019 school year, schools were identified using 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 or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school was identified as a has not been given any of these labels.

School Improvement Plan

Collins Elementary Objectives:

- 41% of All Students will demonstrate a proficiency across all claims in Mathematics by 06/14/2019 as measured by spring state assessment or NWEA MAP Growth Assessment (70th percentile or higher).
- 53% of All Students will demonstrate a proficiency in reading and writing across all claims in English Language Arts by 06/14/2019 as measured by spring state assessment or NWEA MAP Growth Assessment (70th percentile or higher).
- 85% of Fifth grade students will demonstrate a proficiency at or above the 50 percentile in Science by 06/13/2025 as measured by the spring state assessment.
- 85% of Fifth grade students will demonstrate a proficiency for measurable objectives in Social Studies by 06/13/2025 as measured by the spring state assessment.

Collins Elementary had a successful 2018-2019 school year. Students showed measurable growth in meeting the rigorous goals that staff set for student achievement, based on the School Improvement Plan and our school's objectives.

Collins Elementary data teams utilized a variety of assessments to analyze data including M-Step, Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) and classroom assessments. Teachers meet on a regular basis with the principal to analyze data and collaborate in planning classroom lessons and intervention strategies.

Key Challenges

Collins Elementary key challenges include the academic growth in the area of English Language Arts. The baseline data collected in 2016 is higher than the 2019 percentages. Therefore, the Interim Objective that has been set for the 2020 school year is much higher than the actual percentage of students proficient in English Language Arts. Another key challenge for Collins Elementary is the proficiency of the English Language Learners in the area of Mathematics. The percent of proficiency has decreased in the past three years.

Student Enrollment

Students attend Collins Elementary based on the attendance area serviced within our school boundary. A number of Utica Community Schools' students in other attendance areas enroll in our school based on the district's open enrollment process and nonresident students may attend through the Schools of Choice program.

Specialty Programs

All students have the opportunity to have equitable access to Specialty Programs through an open and accessible process. Please see Policy 6275 posted on www.uticak12.org under the Board of Education tab for further information.

Utica Academy for International Studies

Utica Academy for International Studies is a four-year, full-immersion specialty program designed for all students to have the opportunity to earn the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in addition to their state of Michigan high school diploma. Classes in 9th and 10th grade prepare students for the rigors of the IB classes that begin at the start of junior year, where all students are required to register for seven IB courses, complete the 4,000-word Extended Essay on a topic of their choice, and complete at least 150 hours of creativity, activity and service hours. This rigorous and internationally minded curriculum encourages students to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who value intercultural understanding and respect for others.

Utica Center for Math, Science and Technology

The Utica Center for Mathematics, Science and Technology is designed to bring advanced students with special talents and interests together with leading-edge technology. The Center utilizes an advanced curriculum for grades 9-12 which serves to inspire, challenge, and prepare students to pursue careers in mathematics and science. The Center follows the Utica tradition of providing the finest instruction and innovation.

Utica Center for Science and Industry

The Center for Science and Industry is a half day shared time program that provides 9th through 12th grade students with a variety of cutting-edge Career and Technology Education taught in an integrated manner. Along with core math and English classes, students select from electives, which will support one of three career strands: 1) Engineering and Technology, 2) Mechatronics, or 3) Multi-Media Technology. The CSI is project based and provides students with a wide array of experiences with professionals from business and industrial partners.

Stevenson Manufacturing, Automation, and Design Engineering Academy

The Stevenson Manufacturing, Automation, and Design Engineering (MADE) Academy blends rigorous academic content with relevant, real world applications by making use of strong business relationships and post-secondary partners in the field of Advanced Manufacturing. All course work has project-based learning with design thinking and problem solving at the core. This four-year program is open to Davis, Heritage, and Jeannette junior high school students scheduled to attend Stevenson High School.

Core Curriculum

All the schools in Utica Community Schools offer students a comprehensive and rigorous academic program that meets and exceeds all state and federal standards. Our schools follow the Michigan Academic Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics and are transitioning to the Michigan Science Standards. All other content areas continue to follow the Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCE). These standards can be accessed at www.michigan.gov/mde under the Career and College Ready tab – Graduation Requirements and Standards – Standards. The district’s vision and mission statements can be accessed at www.uticak12.org.

District Assessments

Utica Community Schools not only looks at state assessments, but we also monitor the progress of our students through the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA). NWEA is used to monitor and assess students in English Language Arts and mathematics using computer adaptive testing. NWEA aggregate student achievement can be requested from the school.

Parent/Teacher Conference Attendance 2017-2018

Number: 424

Percentage: 100%

Parent/Teacher Conference Attendance 2018-2019

Number: 461

Percentage: 100%

Points of Pride

Our school continues to celebrate success in a number of key ways. Below are some of our Points of Pride:

- Collins Elementary has increased the proficiency of students in the area of mathematics by three percent since 2016.
- According to MSTEP data, there was a significant increase in proficiency in the area of English Language Arts in grades three and four.
- According to spring 2019 NWEA data, grades two, three, and kindergarten far exceeded their projected RIT growth in both reading and mathematics.
- Fifth grade assessed in general science using the NWEA platform and eighty percent of the students tested met their projection.
- Collins Elementary competes yearly in the Destination Imagination tournament. Collins is proud to have had a team reach the competition at the national level.
- Collins hosts the Academically Talented and Gifted program known as “C.A.T.S”. The program has been filled for multiple years.
- The Student Council organizes many activities and fundraisers to assist those in need.
- Collins’ students are given many enriching opportunities such as, Social Studies Olympiad, Math Olympiad, and Destination Imagination.
- Collins has 98% participation in the district and state assessments.
- Collins Elementary parent volunteer organization is heavily involved in planning many amazing activities for our students.

We are pleased to provide this annual education report to our school community. The information that is contained in this report demonstrates our continued efforts to ensure every student achieves in our school. This report, however, only tells a small part of our success story. Every day our staff is continually finding new ways to enhance teaching and learning and engage our students in their education. We invite you to continue to be active participants in your child’s education by volunteering in the classrooms, serving on our parent groups, and working closely at home with your students on their assignments.

Collins Elementary is fortunate to be serviced by a community that cares so deeply about education. Thank you again for your continued support of our students and the Utica Community Schools.

Sincerely,

Jena Lenz
Principal