



School 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 2019-20 educational progress for Fordline 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 Andrew Lindsay, lindsaya@sgate.k12.mi.us, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website [Fordline Combined Report](#), or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2019-20 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 a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. 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 not given one of these labels by the state.

Without state assessments at the state level in 2020, we continue to address the areas of reading, writing and math across all grade levels. The school improvement goals continue to target all students being proficient in literacy and mathematics. The initiatives we have put in place include Multi-Tiered Support Systems (MTSS), Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS), and Social-Emotional Learning (SEL). We have also implemented the NWEA assessment, which allows us to see student growth over time, as well as the areas of need for individuals and groups of students.

PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Southgate residents are assigned to our elementary based on where they live. Each building has home school boundaries. Parents register at their home school. School-of-Choice students are assigned to each building based on the student population in each grade level.

THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Southgate continued the school improvement process in accordance with Public Acts 25, 335, 339, the federal NCLB and requirements for Title I using the School Systems Review Report and the School Improvement systems as models. The district's mission statement guided the work of the School Development Teams in each school. <http://www.southgateschools.com>

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 copy of Southgate's Core Curriculum can be found on the district website, www.southgateschools.com.

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

2019-20 NWEA Results								
<i>Average RIT Score</i>								
	Reading		Mathematics		Language		Science	
	Fall 2019	Spring 2020	Fall 2019	Spring 2020	Fall 2019	Spring 2020	Fall 2019	Spring 2020
Kindergarten	137.2	test not given	134.8	test not given				
1st Grade	154.3	test not given	155.9	test not given				
2nd Grade	178.5	test not given	182.9	test not given				
3rd Grade	183	test not given	179.5	test not given	185.4	test not given	189.8	test not given
4th Grade	193.8	test not given	195.3	test not given	193.9	test not given	192.6	test not given
5th Grade	196.7	test not given	199.7	test not given	198.1	test not given	198.9	test not given

***Spring testing was not given due to the COVID closure.**

IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Each building has a day in the fall and a day in the spring dedicated to Parent-Teacher conferences. In grades K-5 parents are given a scheduled time to visit their child's building to discuss their individual progress. In grades 6-12 parents are given a two-hour window in the afternoon and evening. Parents are strongly encouraged to talk to their child's teachers.

Year	# Students Represented	% Students Represented
Fall 2018	295	96%
Spring 2019	289	93%
Fall 2019	275	95%
Spring 2020	263	92%

Southgate Schools is dedicated to continuous improvement and consistently analyzes student achievement data to monitor progress. Although there are areas of needed improvement, Southgate teachers, parents, staff and students should be commended for their efforts in many areas that have continued to show student growth.

Sincerely,



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