January 23rd, 2020

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2018-19 educational progress for the Sandy Hill 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 our school office, Jonathan Mroz, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site http://bit.ly/2TXiRQ5, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child’s school.

For the 2018-19 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.

Based on our school’s success, we have not been given any labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) for schools targeted for improvement.

Based on our data, our key challenges are reaching 100% proficiencies in all core subject areas for all students. To help meet these challenges we have implemented our Rising Star Summer School program, our before school reading club, we provide interventions to build the skills of any students who needs it through each day of the school year. We have classroom intervention specialists that help reduce the student to teacher ratio in order to provide support for various building academic needs. As a district, we
have added a second district wide literacy specialist to support staff and students.

State law requires that we also report additional information:
1. Enrollment happens through our District Administrative Office. Those officials assign students to a school building.
2. We are working to meet our five school improvement goals of improving student achievement in reading, writing, math, science and social studies. Refer to our School Improvement Plan, also posted on the Jenison Public Schools website or follow this link: https://drive.google.com/a/jpsonline.org/file/d/1oyDh7bS-ynq_mP-SYsis7EUXHeRXaB7T/view?usp=sharing
3. Sandy Hill Elementary School has a special program to serve students with cognitive impairments. We also offer programs for before school and summer academics.
4. Core curriculum are aligned to Michigan’s Grade Level Content Expectations and Common Core State Standards. Research based core curriculum materials include:
   a. Math K-6th grade - Utilizing standards based curriculum with research based instruction.
   b. Reading K-6th grade: Units of Study (Lucy Calkins), StoryTown (Harcourt, Holt, Mifflin)
   c. Social studies: curriculum developed by school personnel
   d. Science: Discovery Education Science Tech Book
   *Access to information regarding core curriculum can be obtained from the office of the Sandy Hill principal or our District Curriculum Director, Kristy Rogalla.
5. The aggregate student achievement information for Sandy Hill’s M-STEP and MI-ACCESS assessments can be found at mischooldata.org. Sandy Hill also uses DIBELS assessments to track student growth and identify any areas needed for intervention or enrichment.

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6. 100% of parents at Sandy Hill attended our Parent Teacher Conferences, by phone or presence in October.

We are proud to share this information with you! Our students are growing and are ready to make a positive difference in our world. As the principal, I would like to express my thanks for your involvement and support of our educational programs and events.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Mroz
Principal of Sandy Hill Elementary