

# Gibraltar School District

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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 2016-17 educational progress for the Parsons 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 Mrs. Kelley Villa for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://www.gibdist.net/about/district-notices-and-reports/annual-reports>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2016-17 school year, schools were identified using new 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. 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.

Parsons continues to make it a priority to analyze our achievement gaps including the lowest performing 30% of students in our school. To raise achievement and close the gaps, our research-based strategies and actions in our school include: targeting low performing students through a tiered RTI program, implementing a WIN program that meets the individual needs of all of our learners, research-based weekly practices, curriculum monitoring, providing additional literacy support for students in grades K-3 reading below grade level, and engaging our families in our educational community. Based on our MSTEP and NWEA scores, we have also identified a need to improve in the area of Mathematics and Science. To assist in our students' growth in these areas, our staff will continue to monitor the individual needs of our students through our quarterly (PLT) Professional Learning Team meetings, data analysis of our WIN program, progress monitoring of our students on individualized Reading intervention plans and through our RTI program.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Students in the Gibraltar School District are assigned to the school in their neighborhood, with bussing provided as needed. Opportunities for intra-district and inter-district School of Choice are also available.
2. Parsons Elementary School has completed the annual School Improvement Plan for the Michigan Department of Education. This report details the school's goals for improvement. It is updated yearly, and is available for review at <http://www.gibdist.net/gibdist/academics/curriculum-school-improvement>
3. Parsons Elementary School serves Kindergarten through 5th grade students.

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4. A copy of the standards in which our curriculum is based on can be found at <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>. It is implemented by the district administrators and curriculum director with the help of subject curriculum committees, and the district school improvement team. The district is in process of developing an online portal to store and share our curriculum documents.
5. Student achievement results on MSTEP testing can be found online at <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>. In addition to this standardized testing, students are also tested annually using the Fountas and Pinell Benchmark Assessment and Northwest Educational Association MAP Assessment.
6. Parents of our 402 students are invited to parent teacher conferences annually, which are held each fall. We have attained 99% participation through personal face to face contact over the past two years. If such contact cannot be arranged, a phone conference is held.

Parsons Elementary School prides itself on the work it does within our school walls and with our community. We are encouraged by the growth we have seen in our students through the utilization of best practice teaching methods and the idea that we are a community of learners.

If you have any questions or need additional information about our school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kelley Villa  
Principal, Parsons Elementary School