

# 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 Weiss 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 Mr. Dave Anderson 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.

Currently, Weiss Elementary is seeing growth in Reading and Math in local data across grade levels. For the 2017-2018 school year, Weiss Elementary School continues to use and implement best practices across content areas to address the needs of all of our learners. All of our classroom teachers utilize Jan Richardson guided reading instruction and continue to receive professional development and coaching in this implementation. In addition to our work in reading instruction, teachers also work on teaching and assessing math essential elements. These are key concepts taught throughout the year and assessed using a pre/post-test. Teachers meet in PLCs regularly throughout the school year to review this data and implement strategies that will reach all of our students. These meetings allow our staff to continually monitor our students' progress as well as give them the ability to provide intervention and extension opportunities. An area that we will continue to focus on is writing instruction. We are working on implementing uniform writing strategies as well as providing our students writing opportunities that will allow them to be more successful on state testing.

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. Weiss Elementary School has completed the annual School Improvement Plan for the Michigan Department of Education. This report details the school goal for improvement. It is updated yearly, and is available for review online at <https://www.gibdist.net/about/district-notices-and-reports/school-improvement-plans>
3. Weiss 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. Data from our local math essentials and Fountas and Pinnell testing show consistent student growth in math concepts and literacy. State testing data on our students show a slight decline in areas of mathematics and language arts from 2015/2016 to 2016/2017. However, when separated by grade level, there are areas of growth in both language arts and math. We will continue to address the discrepancy in scores between our bottom 30% of students and our students as a whole and use the NWEA test, which students take three times per year, to guide and inform our instruction throughout the school year. Full information on state assessment data can be found at [mischooldata.org](http://mischooldata.org).
6. Parent/teacher conferences are held annually. All parents are invited to attend a conference for their child. We had 97% participation in face to face conferences with 3% of conferences being held over the phone.

Weiss Elementary continues to build upon its instructional practices and provide our students with opportunities to see how the learning that is happening in our school relates to the work being done in the community and beyond. Students here are encouraged to address real problems through Project Based Learning. Students are given the opportunity to design, engineer, test, and redesign models several times throughout the year and are given two nights throughout the year to showcase their work. We are proud of the work being done and look forward to continued success as we strive to meet the needs of all of our learners.

Sincerely,

Dave Anderson  
Principal, Weiss Elementary School