

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 2020-21 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. Derek Bezeau for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site, <https://bit.ly/3NPBz5r>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2020-21 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.

We have not been given one of these labels.

Downriver STEM at Weiss continues to make it a priority to meet the needs of all our students. In order to do this we focus on individualizing plans to support our students with their behavior and academics. In order to meet the needs of all learners, Downriver STEM at Weiss Elementary School has a robust MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) process to provide intervention and support services for students who would benefit based on their current performance data. Our researched-based practices that support our MTSS processes include targeting low performing students by using multiple points of data, daily small group targeted literacy instruction, implementing a building WIN program that meets the individual needs of our learners, research-based weekly practices in all K-5 classrooms, curriculum monitoring, and engaging our parents and community in our school. Additionally, we have two Intervention Specialists and who support students in the areas of ELA and Math. We also have two Title I Aides who support our students in Math, ELA, and behavior. Additionally, we have one Title I aide that focuses on our students that need ELL (English Language Learner) support. We have also implemented 1-1 technology in all grades. Additionally, we have a balanced approach to literacy instruction.

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. The School Improvement plan for Weiss Elementary is a multi-year plan that focuses on improvement in all subject areas. Our most recent submitted plan goes through 2023. Our focus will be on best practices that apply to all subject areas. We use NWEA/MAP, M-STEP and local assessments to determine our focus for each subject

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area. We meet as a School Improvement Team multiple times during the school year to progress monitor and make necessary changes.

3. Downriver STEM at Weiss Elementary School serves Kindergarten through 5th grade students.
4. The curriculum at Weiss Elementary is aligned with the Michigan State Standards for literacy and math and Grade Level Content Standards for science and social studies. Our Director of Curriculum collaborates with principals and teacher leadership committees to continuously revise and improve our instructional materials and practices. More information can be obtained by visiting our [District Website](#) or by contacting the school's main office and speaking with the principal. Additional information on the Michigan Academic Standards can be found on the the [Michigan Department of Education Website](#).
5. Student achievement results on M-Step testing may be found online at <http://www.mischooldata.org/>. In addition to standardized state testing, students in K-5 are tested annually using the Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment and Northwest Educational Association MAP Assessment.
6. Parent/teacher conferences are held annually. All parents are invited to attend a conference for their child. We had 98% participation in face to face conferences with 2% of conferences being held over the phone.

Downriver STEM is continuing to lead the way in Project-Based Learning and real-world learning applications for our students. At Weiss, students are getting opportunities to create, build, engineer, code, program robots, develop community partners, and make a difference each day. We like to showcase our STEM learning multiple times a year. We invite our community to check out the great learning happening within our school at any of these events. At Weiss, we are also proud of our commitment to gratitude. Our whole community adopts gratitude as a part of our culture. We also create many opportunities for our students to take on leadership and mentor roles within our building. One of the main ways we do this is throughout our peer-to-peer program where we have close to 100 students involved. There is a lot to be proud of at Downriver STEM at Weiss!

Sincerely,

Mr. Derek Bezeau