



WEST IRON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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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 2015-16 educational progress for the Stambaugh 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 Principal Michelle Thomson for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the follow web site www.westiron.org or clicking [here](#). You may review a copy obtained from the Stambaugh Elementary office.

For the 2015-16 year, no new Priority or Focus schools were named; some Priority or Focus schools did exit their status because they met the exit criteria. New Reward schools were identified using school rankings and Beating the Odds information. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap between the highest and lowest achieving 30% of schools. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Reward school is one that has achieved one or more of the following distinctions: top 5% of schools on the Top-to-Bottom School Rankings, top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement (improvement metric), or "Beating the Odds" by outperforming the school's predicted ranking and/or similar schools. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases no label is given.

Our school was identified by MDE as a REWARD School. REWARD schools were designated in four different manners. Stambaugh Elementary is a REWARD school for "Beating the Odds." We achieved this by outperforming the expectations set for our school by the State of Michigan. We have also been categorized as a REWARD school due to the fact that when compared with thirty schools of similar demographics, Stambaugh Elementary proved to outperform those schools.

While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, as we are continuously working to improve. We are actively working to address school issues by providing educational assistants to help monitor progress, after school homework club, Title I and special education services to meet the unique needs of each student and to increase academic achievement. The increased student support through these

individuals is focused on improving student achievement. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort. Stambaugh Elementary School has recently restructured our report cards. Parents have reacted favorably to the standards based reporting system used in our school.

Stambaugh Elementary is the only early elementary school within our school district. Children in pre-kindergarten through 5th grade attend this school. We are beginning the first year of another cycle of the three year school improvement plan. West Iron County Schools do not have any specialized schools. If you would like to see a copy of our curriculum, please stop in the office or go online to our website at www.westiron.org under the Stambaugh Elementary School drop down box and the curriculum by grade level is posted. Our curriculum is matched with the Common Core State Standards. The state developed M-Step is given to students in 3rd -5th grade. This is the only student-normed achievement test given to students at Stambaugh Elementary.

At Stambaugh Elementary, students are screened three times each year on the DIBELS reading assessment. In the 2014-15 school year, 69% of students scored benchmark at the end of the year assessment. In the 2015-16 year, 67 % of students scored benchmark at the end of the year reading assessment. The goal for next year is 80% school wide.

In 2014, an open house was held on August 27th. Ninety percent (86%) of the 390 students were represented at the Open House. This was a decrease of four percent (4%) from the previous year. Parent-teacher conferences were held on November 6th with one hundred percent (100%) of the 390 students represented at conferences.

In 2015, an open house was held on September 2nd. Ninety percent (88%) of the 391 students were represented at the Open House. This was an increase of two percent (2%) from the previous year. Parent-teacher conferences were held on November 12th with 100% of the students represented at conferences. This was achieved through phone conferences and off site conferences to accommodate parents.

We at Stambaugh Elementary are proud of our students and the work that is accomplished to meet the federal and state requirements. We thank you for your continued support with your children. We encourage you to continue to instill in your child the importance of a good education. We believe that all students can and will be academically, socially and emotionally successful.

Sincerely,

Michelle Thomson, Principal
Stambaugh Elementary School