

“Dundee Elementary STUDENTS, through differentiated instruction, will LEARN the core standards, which will be measured with on-going assessments and supported by interventions.”

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School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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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 Dundee 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 August Ost for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <<https://goo.gl/6pS3Ov>>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2016-17 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 has not been given a label.

After analyzing the data found in the MI School Data Combined Report (<https://goo.gl/ISefNU>) for Dundee Elementary School, it was identified that there is one primary challenge that need addressed. In both 3rd and 4th grades students with disabilities scored significantly lower than their peers on the state math assessment. In third grade students with disabilities scored 49.7% lower than students without disabilities on the math assessment, and in fourth grade the differential was 62.6%. To address this gap, the building is taking one major initiatives. This initiative is the restructuring our multi-tiered system of support. The goal of this change is to better use our intervention time each day to provide all students with direct instruction in the area they need support. This change will not only close the gap between students with disabilities and their peers, but it will raise the percent of proficient students for the entire building.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Dundee Elementary School proudly accepts both students living in the district and students that enroll through the School of Choice program.
2. Dundee Elementary School currently has a School Improvement Team that meets regularly to discuss the status of our School Improvement Plan. The current goals are discussed and modified as needed to keep the building moving forward. The building is currently working on the creation of a 3-5-year plan, identifying the key areas of need and the best approach to address those areas.
3. Dundee Elementary School is the only public elementary school in Dundee.
4. The curriculum at Dundee Elementary School is aligned to teach the [standards](#) adopted by the [Michigan Department of Education](#).
5. In addition to the Michigan State Assessment, kindergarten through fifth grade students at Dundee Elementary School also complete the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Assessment two times per year. Building results from the Fall 2016 testing session can be found [here](#).
6. At fall Parent-Teacher Conferences, 83% of our students were represented. At spring Parent-Teacher Conferences, 65% of invited parents attended.

We are very proud of the students at Dundee Elementary School. It truly takes a team effort to achieve the academic success our students display year after year. While we are extremely successful compared to the state and county averages, we are not satisfied and we are committed to continually improving our academic practices.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "August Ost". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.