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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 Will L. Lee 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 David Kochan for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following link <https://goo.gl/xbkmsn> 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 one of these labels.

Lee Elementary is committed to increasing student performance each year on state tests, but the number of students proficient at Lee has steadily declined with the recent changes in the format to the M-STEP. With the change last school year to the M-STEP being an adaptive test, the scores are difficult to compare to that of the previous year's M-STEP. As a school we are

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In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education amendments of 1972, Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title II of the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, and Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1977, it is the policy of the Richmond Community School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, military status, national origin or ancestry, sex (including sexual orientation), disability, age (except as authorized by law,) height, weight, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to, discrimination during any program, activity, service or employment. Inquiries related to any nondiscrimination policies should be directed to the Superintendent, 35276 Division Road, Richmond, MI 48062, (586) 727-3565.

working to utilize the strategies from Classroom Instruction that Works (CItW). These strategies are research-based and are found to be effective for improving student achievement.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL
 - a. Since we have only one school for each grade level, students in Kindergarten to fourth grade are assigned to Lee Elementary.
2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
 - a. The District is committed to reviewing its curriculum on a five year rotational basis. The reviewing of curriculum is important to keep up-to-date on the State and National demands.
3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL
 - a. Richmond Community Schools does not have any specialized schools.
4. IDENTIFY HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE'S MODEL
 - a. A copy of the curriculum may be obtained by contacting the Curriculum Director, Anthony Birkmeier (abirkmeier@richmond.k12.mi.us)
5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS
 - a. A copy of your child's scores for local and/or national achievement tests can be obtained by request from David Kochan (dkochan@richmond.k12.mi.us)
6. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
 - a. The number of students represented at our fall 2016 conferences was 98%

We know that as the demands from the State increase we are committed to the growth of your students academically and also socially and emotionally. The District will continue to provide our teachers with professional development to move our students forward.

Sincerely,

David Kochan

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Principal
Lee Elementary

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