



March 5, 2019

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2017-18 educational progress for the Williamston Community Schools and our schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Dr. Michele Cook (517-655-4361) for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://bit.ly/2H5ZhdF>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. Each school will also be communicating their own AER to parents directly.

These reports contain the following information:

Student Assessment Data – Includes the following three assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT. Presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and MI-Access science for grades 4, 7, and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students. The report helps users to understand achievement performance within grades and schools, and to make comparisons to district, state, and national achievement benchmarks.

Accountability – Detail Data and Status

The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability index values showing school performance on a 0-100 scale. **Teacher Qualification Data**

- Identifies the number and percentage of inexperienced teachers, principals, and other school leaders Reports teachers who are teaching with emergency or provisional credentials
- Includes teachers who are not teaching in the subject or field for which they are certified

NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

- Provides state results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8

Civil Rights Data

- Provides information on school quality, climate and safety

Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2017-18 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 status label is given.

* Note TSI and ATS definitions were changed for the 2018-19 school year per federal requirements. The new definitions are:

TSI – The school has at least one subgroup performing in the bottom 25% within each applicable accountability index component.

ATS – The school has met the criteria for TSI identification and has at least one subgroup performing at the same level as a CSI school.

School Name	Status Label	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement
Discovery Elementary	NO LABEL	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support
Explorer Elementary	NO LABEL	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support
Williamston Middle School	NO LABEL	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support
Williamston High School	NO LABEL	Multi-Tiered Systems of Support

Williamston Community Schools performed exceptionally well on the state accountability index.

The index emphasizes student academic growth as well as achievement and rewards schools that offer students diverse educational opportunities, such as music, physical education, and art. I have listed the overall score for each school in our district below:

Discovery Elementary: 86.56

Explorer Elementary: 92.15

Williamston Middle School: 88.05

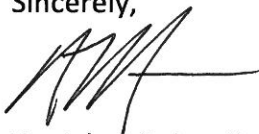
Williamston High School: 99.08*

*Top score of any school in the Mid-Michigan region.

WCS has earned numerous state and national recognitions for its academic standing (see our website for more information). However, the District has also received accolades for its music, art, and advanced placement programming. A dynamic K-12 Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) initiative and top tier athletics teams and facilities completes the well-rounded educational experience available to every learner in our district. Thank you to our staff, students, and community, who collectively make Williamston Community Schools a world-class educational organization.

Learn more at www.gowcs.net

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Spina', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Adam Spina, Superintendent