

NORTH BRANCH AREA 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 Ruth Fox 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 Cindy Howe for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/YwgBb6> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. When clicking on the link, there are 4 tabs available for you to view, Student Assessment, Accountability, Teacher Quality and NAEP.

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 any of these levels.

For 2015-16, Ruth Fox Elementary 5th & 6th graders took the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP). While overall results were promising, we are continuously working to improve. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff, and our community in this effort.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL- Students are assigned to classes at the Ruth Fox after completing necessary classes at the North Branch Elementary School and again when they pass necessary classes in 5th grade at the Ruth Fox Elementary School.

2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN- Our school improvement plan is always a work in progress. For the 2015-16 school years we had goals a)that all students at Ruth Fox Elementary will become proficient readers in all disciplines and we have used Socratic Circles as a strategy for that goal b) All students at Ruth Fox Elementary will become proficient in math and we use inquiry based instruction as a strategy for that goal c) All Ruth Fox Elementary students will become proficient informational writers within the disciplines and we used Graphic Organizers for Informational Text Structures as a strategy for that goal d) All students at Ruth Fox Elementary School will be proficient in Science and Social Studies and we used Socratic Circles to for these goals as well.
3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL- We do not have specialized schools at the Ruth Fox.
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 copy of the Core Curriculum may be attained from the State of Michigan, Department of Education Website. The Ruth Fox Elementary follows the recommended Core Curriculum and state Benchmarks. http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753_64839_65510---,00.html
5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS – Results of RF QRI Results are available by inquiring to the RF office.
6. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES- We have nearly 100% attendance at the Ruth Fox PTC. We have student led conferences and parents who do not attend are contacted by the homeroom teachers for a private conference.

The Ruth Fox Elementary prides itself on creating a safe, caring and positive environment for our students to grow both academically and emotionally. We strive to stay ahead of the curve with regards to educational advancements, learning strategies and methods to build relationships with our students and community. With the help of the parents, students, community and staff we truly our "A learning community dedicated to excellence.

Sincerely,

Cindy Howe
Principal