March 1, 2016

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2015-2016 educational progress for Northwest 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 Eric Kelly, Principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website: www.nwschools.org, or you may review a copy from the principal’s office at your child’s school. You may also review electronically by visiting the following website: (https://www.mischooldata.org).

The Northwest Elementary staff has identified our challenge, which is to maintain our high level of achievement. With the transition of state testing to the M-step and with the increased focus on state testing changing again, we are committed to properly preparing our students by aligning our curriculum with staff input.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

**Process for assigning pupils to the school**
School attendance boundaries are set by the Board of Education. All students living in the attendance area of a school attend that school unless the Schools of Choice option is selected.

**School Improvement Status**
Northwest Elementary School has completed its third year of being designated a School-wide Title I building. We are currently in our fourth year of the school improvement plan since having it approved in June 2012. You can access Northwest Elementary School’s Annual Report, including the school’s profile, mission statement, and school improvement status at http://www.nwschools.org.

**Core Curriculum**
A copy of the core curriculum may be obtained from the curriculum office at the Northwest Education Center. The core curriculum is fully implemented. The ELA and Math curriculum have been aligned with the Common Core State Standards. Other curriculum areas are aligned with Grade Level Content Expectations. There are no variances from the state’s model.

**Aggregate Student Achievement Results for Local Competency Assessments**
Students in grade 3rd -5th are assessed annually in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Science is assessed in 4th grade and Social Studies in 5th. Northwest Elementary administers the following assessments: STAR, common writing assessments and common math assessments throughout the school year. Data from these assessments are administered and reviewed during MTSS meetings throughout the school year.
Parent-Teacher Conferences
Welcoming parents to our school in order to develop partnerships is very important. We are pleased to have the support of our parents in working together to help our students be successful.

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I congratulate the Northwest Elementary Staff, our parents and our community for providing a student-centered, high achieving environment that is safe, accepting, and encouraging. Through our partnerships with our parents and community, we are able to provide the best learning environment for our students.

Sincerely,

Eric G. Kelly
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Principal