



Paddock Elementary 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 2014-15 educational progress for Paddock Elementary. 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 Sean DeSarbo, the Paddock Elementary School principal for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.milanareaschools.org/Paddock, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

Paddock has made great academic growth during the 2014-2015 school-year. At the conclusion of the year, 82% of our students were on or above grade level in reading when reviewing local spring achievement data. However, we still have significant gaps between our economically disadvantaged students and our students with poor attendance in the areas of Language Arts and Mathematics. To address these gaps and to improve achievement for all students, we have identified four key strategies in our school improvement plan: 1. Implement district curriculum with fidelity using best instructional practices; 2. Provide tiered supports to meet the academic, behavioral, and social-emotional needs of all students; 3. Teachers will participate in ongoing professional development to ensure improved student outcomes, and; 4. Collect and monitor data on student achievement to be used to improve student outcomes. In addition, we are implementing a more formalized attendance policy and working closely with families to raise awareness of the importance of consistent attendance in the early grades.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. All students in grades K-2 who reside within the boundaries of Milan Area Schools are assigned to attend Paddock Elementary School. Additionally
2. The 3-5 year School Improvement Plan has been completed and submitted to the State of Michigan.
3. There are no specialized schools within the Milan Area school district. Milan uses a full inclusion model of special education services.

4. All instructional content at Paddock Elementary School is based on Michigan's Standards. A copy of the core curriculum may be located <http://milaninstruction.weebly.com/>.
5. The following scores demonstrate the percentage of students who were identified as Proficient on local reading assessments during the 2014-2015 school year:
 - 93% of kindergarten students were proficient
 - 83% of first grade students were proficient
 - 73% of second grade students were proficient
6. Paddock served 435 students in the 2014-2015 school year. 99% were represented during fall conferences. Paddock served 417 students during the 2015-2016 school year. 99% were represented at fall conferences.

Paddock Elementary is committed to continuous improvement in learning. Our staff regularly analyzes student data to design instruction that supports the growth of all students. Our strong relationship with our families helps maintain a culture where students are nurtured and supported so that they can reach their highest potential both academically and socially.

Sincerely,

Sean DeSarbo
Principal