



## **School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter**

February 1, 2024

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2022-23 educational progress for Masonic Heights 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 the principal, Mr. Matthew Barranca, at 586.285.8500 for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [http://lakeshoreschools.org/our\\_district/annual\\_report](http://lakeshoreschools.org/our_district/annual_report) or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2023-24 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2022-23. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state in 2021-22. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. Our school was identified as a "has not been given one of these labels".

The Masonic Heights Elementary staff is committed to improving student achievement in all areas, and for all students. We continue to revamp our Multi-Tiered Support System (MTSS) in order to provide targeted assistance with the goal of closing as many learning gaps as possible while also empowering students in all grade levels to meet their academic goals. This year, we have a MTSS Coordinator who oversees the collection and coordination of all of our MTSS data and processes. We use data from the NWEA assessment (which is administered three times per year) along with local assessment scores and progress monitoring to track individual student growth, assign appropriate interventions, and target skills necessary to improve instruction in all three tiers.

Our school engages in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to assess student growth and monitor the progress of our students in math, reading and writing.



Academic goals for our School Improvement Plan (SIP) are written based on data from M-STEP and NWEA assessments, as well as, perception data collected from staff, student and parent surveys. We continue to show a gap between our economically disadvantaged students, and those who are not economically disadvantaged. The gap is getting smaller but continues to be a focus due to the high number of students still not proficient.

We have identified students who need an Individual Reading Improvement Plan (IRIP) based on Michigan's Read by Grade 3 legislation. All students reading below grade level receive extra support during planned intervention time. Students with an individual plan also have an "At Home Reading Plan" which is overseen by our Literacy Coach. We have adopted a new ELA curriculum for the 2023/2024 school year and staff continues to receive professional development about how to deliver the content.

We are extremely proud of the relationship we have formed with the families at Masonic Heights. Our families demonstrate every day that they are active partners in the educational process. Parents proudly demonstrate their desire to support student learning by signing a compact pledging to work side-by-side with staff to achieve the highest learning experience for their child. Through the innovative use of technology and communication tools, students and parents are dynamically involved in the process of learning.

Our staff at Masonic Heights is committed to provide a safe and academically challenging environment for students.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

### **Process for Assigning Pupils to the School**

All resident Lake Shore students are assigned to a school based on the student's age, ability level, and residence location within the district. Resident students wishing to attend a school not within their residence boundaries have the option of requesting a transfer through the school office.

### **Status of the 3-5 Year School Improvement Plan**

Masonic Heights Elementary School is actively working on their continuous school improvement cycle with the 2023-24 school year. You may review the School Improvement Plan at:

[http://lakeshoreschools.org/our\\_district/school\\_improvement](http://lakeshoreschools.org/our_district/school_improvement).

### **Core Curriculum Information**

A copy of Lake Shore's core curriculum can be found on the district website:

[http://lakeshoreschools.org/departments/curriculum\\_and\\_instruction](http://lakeshoreschools.org/departments/curriculum_and_instruction). Lake Shore



teachers and administrators work closely with members of the Macomb Intermediate School District and follow the State of Michigan Core Curriculum.

**Aggregate Student Achievement Results**

<b>NWEA Reading</b>	<b>Fall 2021</b>	<b>Winter 2022</b>	<b>Spring 2022</b>	<b>Fall 2022</b>	<b>Winter 2023</b>	<b>Spring 2023</b>
Kindergarten	n/a	145.8	153.6	n/a	143.4	151.1
First	153.9	162.0	168.8	155.2	163.7	169.7
Second	171.4	176.1	180.3	167.2	172.6	178.1
Third	184.5	191.8	195.9	184.0	189.8	195.9
Fourth	197.6	202.2	204.7	195.3	203.6	206.1
Fifth	200.9	204.0	206.0	204.7	205.9	209.0

<b>NWEA Mathematics</b>	<b>Fall 2021</b>	<b>Winter 2022</b>	<b>Spring 2022</b>	<b>Fall 2022</b>	<b>Winter 2023</b>	<b>Spring 2023</b>
Kindergarten	n/a	150.7	159.9	n/a	149.2	155.7
First	156.5	167.4	176.4	160.8	169.3	178.1
Second	174.0	179.9	186.7	174.7	179.4	186.4
Third	182.9	188.9	197.3	182.8	190.1	198.7
Fourth	198.4	204.0	210.9	197.1	203.6	208.7
Fifth	205.4	208.4	212.2	207.6	209.2	214.3

\*Results based on average RIT scores

**Students Represented at Parent-Teacher Conferences**

	Winter 2021-22	Winter 2022-23	Spring 2021-22	Spring 2022-23
# of Parents Attending	391	521	379	543
% of Students Represented by a Parent	91%	89%	88%	90%

We are very proud of the students and staff at Masonic Heights Elementary School as they continue to strive towards excellence.

Sincerely,

Matthew Barranca, Principal