



**RUTH MCGREGOR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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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 2021-2022 educational progress for Ruth McGregor 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 Jodie Gilbert for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website <https://bit.ly/3oBlvGf> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2021-2022 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. 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. 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%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label was given.

Our key challenges for Ruth McGregor Elementary School these past couple of years has been continuing to deal with the global pandemic. In 2021-2022, we got back to almost 100% face-to-face instruction for all of our students, which is where we as a public school can be most effective. Even though we were face-to-face, we continued to be affected by mandatory quarantines and other COVID-19 pandemic requirements that hindered the learning experience for some students. We are extremely grateful to be past this and to get back to the focus of instruction and academic success.

It has been difficult couple of years for many students, being able to remain engaged and having good attendance returning from being virtual and now face-to-face. We are working closely with our families, teachers, and administration to support our students through monthly tier 2/3 meetings to discuss the latest updates on our student progress as well as benchmark assessments. Ruth McGregor Elementary recognizes that one of our key challenges is to continue to implement and support meaningful initiatives that lead to improved achievement scores for all of our students. Frequent assessment of student progress and collaborative scoring of student work is always a challenge, but continues to be a focus of our staff. One of the key initiatives that our school began implementing during the 2021-2022 school year is MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports). Moving forward, we will be using this systems work to implement PBIS in 2023/24. In order to meet our students social emotional needs we continue to utilize our Lion's Quest curriculum that is taught to all students in our building weekly. We also have a full-time counselor on staff.

In addition to these initiatives, we also offered literacy support for our kindergarten through fifth grade students based on ongoing assessments and need. Parents are regularly informed of their child's progress through assessment reports and parent informational meetings. We have also implemented Individual Reading Plans, according to the Third grade Reading Law, for our kindergarten through third grade students who are not reading at grade level according to our local district assessments. Our intervention staff is working hard to close the achievement gap by consistently collecting data and providing individualized interventions.

1. State law requires that we also report additional information. We enroll both resident and non-resident students from Lenawee County or any county that borders Lenawee. Non-resident students are enrolled under Michigan Schools of Choice Act.
2. Ruth McGregor Elementary school is an AdvancEd accredited school. Our school district went through its five-year external review in March 2019 and we have since been accredited for the next five years. Our school improvement team analyzes school data and assess our school improvement goals, strategies and activities. We encourage parents to be involved in this process by inviting them to these meetings. Our school and district teams have been participating in MTSS implementation and in 2022/23 we transitioned over to a building level MTSS team (BIT) as our school improvement team. It is clear to our stakeholders that academic performance and school climate is evident through the use of: charts, banners, graphs, tables and displays of student achievement.

We have a 3-5 year MICIP plan that includes the overall district goal of *“Improving Student Academic and Behavior through the implementation of MTSS”*. Under this overall goal, specific strategies include: Implementing PBIS (Culture and Climate), Focus on Curriculum and Instruction (Literacy, Math, Student Learning-Loss efforts) and Social-Emotional Learning (SEL).

3. The students of Sand Creek Community Schools receive special education services through the Lenawee Intermediate School District (LISD). In addition to the specialized schools, students receive diagnostic testing, school psychology, school social work, physical and occupational therapy, special needs training and speech pathology services.

The Lenawee Intermediate School District provides educational services to students from birth through age 26 who have severe handicaps. Students with severe physical, mental, emotional or sensory impairments may receive their educational program at a classroom operated by the LISD. No students from Sand Creek Community Schools attended LISD classroom programs during the 2021-22 school year.

The LISD operates the Laura Haviland Program for early elementary, elementary, middle and high school students with severe emotional and behavioral impairments. We have some students from Sand Creek Community Schools attending Laura Haviland during the 2021-22 school year.

In cooperation with the Lenawee County Probate Court, the LISD operates the juvenile education program housed at the Maurice Spear Campus.

4. The Ruth McGregor core curriculum can be accessed through our school website, [Elementary 22-23 Curriculum Guide](#). Those interested in getting a hard copy of the curriculum can stop into the elementary office to request one. Our core curriculum aligns and complies with the Michigan Curriculum standards.

5. Grade level expectations for pre-school through fifth grade are posted on the school website www.sc-aggies.us.

6. Ruth McGregor Elementary participates in the M-Step state achievement test as well as the NWEA.

Our M-Step Scores for the 2020-2021 school year were;

- a. 3rd Grade: ELA had 29.9% Advanced, 31.3% proficient, 25.7% partially proficient, and 13.2% not proficient. MATH, there were 25.2% Advanced, 32.2% proficient, 30.8% partially proficient, 11.9% not proficient.
- b. 4th Grade: ELA 29.9% Advanced, 31.3% of students were proficient, 25.7% were partially proficient, and 13.2% students were not proficient, In MATH, 25.2% Advanced, 32.2% students were proficient, 30.8% were partially proficient and 11.9% students were not proficient.
- c. 5th Grade: ELA 29.9% Advanced, 31.3% Proficient, 25.7% partially proficient and 13.2% not proficient. In MATH, 25.2% Advanced, 32.2% students were proficient, 30.8% were partially proficient and 11.9% was not proficient.

Our M-Step Scores for the 2021-2022 school year were;

- d. 3rd Grade: ELA had 21.0% Advanced, 33.3% proficient, 24.5% partially proficient, and 33.9% not proficient. MATH, there were 14.9% Advanced, 38.3% proficient, 17% partially proficient, and 29.8% not proficient.
- e. 4th Grade: ELA 20.8% Advanced, 33.3% of students were proficient, 25% were partially proficient, and 20.8% students were not proficient, In MATH, 14.9% Advanced, 38.3% students were proficient, 17% were partially proficient and 29.8% students were not proficient.
- f. 5th Grade: ELA 35.5% Advanced, 21% Proficient, 12.9% partially proficient and 30.6% not proficient. In MATH, 22.6% Advanced, 27.4% students were proficient, 37.1% were partially proficient and 12.9% was not proficient.

Our NWEA Scores for the 2021-2022 School year were;

NWEA Reading Kindergarten: 11% College Ready, 22% Above Grade Level, 24% Grade Level, 33% Below Grade Level, 10% At Risk

NWEA Reading 1st Grade: 17% College Ready, 20% Above Grade Level, 31% Grade Level, 22% Below Grade Level, 10% At Risk

NWEA Reading 2nd Grade: 17% College Ready, 21% Above Grade Level, 23% Grade Level, 21% Below Grade Level, 19% At Risk

NWEA Reading 3rd Grade: 21% College Ready, 17% Above Grade Level, 27% Grade Level, 15% Below Grade Level, 21% At Risk

NWEA Reading 4th Grade: 11% College Ready, 26% Above Grade Level, 23% Grade Level, 19% Below Grade Level, 21% At Risk

NWEA Reading 5th Grade: 22% College Ready, 20% Above Grade Level, 33% Grade Level, 16% Below Grade Level, 10% At Risk

NWEA Math Kindergarten: 24% College Ready, 35% Above Grade Level, 24% Grade Level, 14% Below Grade Level, 3% At Risk

NWEA Math 1st Grade: 14% College Ready, 47% Above Grade Level, 25% Grade Level, 12% Below Grade Level, 2% At Risk

NWEA Math 2nd Grade: 15% College Ready, 25% Above Grade Level, 26% Grade Level, 25% Below Grade Level, 9% At Risk

NWEA Math 3rd Grade: 13% College Ready, 27% Above Grade Level, 19% Grade Level, 17% Below Grade Level, 25% At Risk

NWEA Math 4th Grade: 24% College Ready, 27% Above Grade Level, 19% Grade Level, 19% Below Grade Level, 10% At Risk

NWEA Math 5th Grade: 18% College Ready, 32% Above Grade Level, 26% Grade Level, 12% Below Grade Level, 12% At Risk

7. For the 2020-2021 school year 92% of our students were represented at our fall 2020 parent-teacher conferences. We had 98% attend our spring 2021 parent teacher conferences and had 93% participation in the spring of 2022 parent-teacher conferences. We had 92% of our students represented for our fall 2021 parent-teacher conferences. We had 97% participate in the fall 2022 parent-teacher conferences.

On behalf of Ruth McGregor Elementary staff and administration, I would like to congratulate our students for a remarkable year of growth and achievement even during a global pandemic. I am proud that we have been able to remain in session

throughout this difficult time. This could not have happened without our dedicated faculty and staff. Our teachers and staff are willing to give freely of themselves to provide many opportunities for our students. It is clear that academic performance is highly prized along with developing personal relationships between faculty and students.

Sincerely,

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