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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 2018-2019 education progress for Bloomingdale 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 Principal Bill Dygert for assistance.

The AER is available for your review electronically by visiting the following link <http://bit.ly/2E60sY4> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

Bloomingdale Elementary is lucky to serve a diverse community of learners coming from many different backgrounds and life experiences. We continue to discuss best practices when it comes to instruction that will meet the needs of our young learners. In 2018-2019, we continued to look for ways to create building-wide interventions to ensure that each child is receiving the instructional services that they need in the areas of English Language Arts and Math, as well as, improving our direct instruction strategies to assist in creating grade level readers by the end of 3rd grade. We've implemented What I Need (WIN) intervention groups for reading and math.

There are two elementary schools in our district, Pullman Elementary and Bloomingdale Elementary. Students are assigned to each building according to specific boundary lines and bus routes. Our district is in the middle of a 3-5 year school improvement cycle. Each of the core academic areas has a goal related to the improvement of student performance on the M-Step assessment. The district has identified essential academic standards and continues to teach a curriculum that follows state guidelines and requirements as set out by the State of Michigan.

Some of our students who are identified as having one or more handicaps are able to receive educational services at specialized schools and center in the county. The programs are run and operated by the Van Buren ISD. The decision to place a student in any special education program is made by the Individualized Education Plan Committee which includes at least one of the student's parents or guardians, general education teacher, diagnostic personnel and a school administrator. The goal of all specialized programs is to facilitate a student's education growth to the maximum extent possible. Many of these programs are available from infancy through early childhood. These programs include: Autism, Severely Emotionally Impaired, Cognitively Impaired, Severely Multiply Impaired, Infant, and Total Communication Program.

If you are interested in learning more about our school/district curriculum you may schedule a meeting with the building administrator. They would be happy to discuss with you each core subject area, its implementation process, and how it has been contextualized to fit the needs and demands of our students. If you are interested in learning more about our school's performance on any local or state achievements tests those can also be requested from the building administrator.

Parents and community members provide tremendous support of our education process at Bloomingdale Elementary. 85% of parents attended our fall parent teacher conferences in 2018 and 81% of our parents attending spring parent teacher conferences in 2019. Every effort is made to discuss with parents their child's progress and how we can best support them to reach their goals, academic or otherwise.

Bloomingdale Elementary continues to strive toward creating contributing members of our local community and beyond. We have adopted the vision statement of *"The Elementary School staff will accept and nurture the unique human potential of everyone sharing in our learning experience. Therefore, we will accept the responsibility for instructing all students in basic academic skills, developing a positive self-concept and fostering an appreciation for learning."* to guide us in all that we do to ensure that all students have the opportunity to grow in all areas.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bill Dygert
Principal, Bloomingdale Elementary