



River Valley Elementary

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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 2019-20 educational progress for the Chikaming 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 Chikaming Elementary School Interim Principal Patrick Zuccala for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site

https://drive.google.com/file/d/18r6iUXNk_hq66kFPxNAIuJQKcGTR7a69/view?usp=sharing, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2019-20 school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has 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 is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.

At Chikaming Elementary School, we are committed to all students' success. Two of our highest priorities are strengthening all instructional practices to best meet the needs of every student, and insuring every student feels safe, cared for, and cherished. All students experience STEM-based learning throughout the school year as we develop the thinkers and leaders of tomorrow. All classrooms provide strong systems of support for all students through the use of student action plans that focus on setting goals with students and monitor their growth as they work toward that goal. We implement building wide Strategy Groups in math and reading, focused on meeting each child where they are and challenging them toward growth. Any student not performing at grade level in reading or math has an Action Plan in place that specifically addresses their strengths and weakness, with research-based

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interventions intended to bring accelerated growth. We are committed to the development of the whole child through our PE Program and our Art Studio, counseling supports, music experiences, healthy living instruction, and opportunities to play and explore. We continue to develop Positive Behavior Systems as we work towards a strong and healthy school culture for all students and staff. We are committed to partnering with our community through our WATCH DOGS program, Lunch Buddies, classroom volunteers, an active PTO, a variety of field trips, and more. Our focus is to do whatever it takes for all students, striving toward proficiency or higher on all identified Essential Standards in math and ELA. Our school motto is: Do Your Best, Care for Others, and Love Our School – at Chikaming Elementary, this motto drives each of our decisions as we strive to positively impact our community by developing the leaders of tomorrow! Many of these activities were modified or postponed for the 2019-2020 school year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We look forward to returning to many of our normal practices, routines, and activities with our students in the near future.

Students are assigned to buildings by grade level. Preschool through 2nd grade students are housed at our Chikaming Elementary campus and Grades 3rd-5th are housed at the Three Oaks Campus

Our School Improvement Plan is in the implementation phase, using data to evaluate current systems, seeking ways to strengthen our work on a continuous basis.

River Valley School District has no Specialized schools.

The elementary core curriculum can be found by going to the following site: www.mi.gov/mde. Each teacher is expected to follow these guidelines and there are no known variances.

Chikaming Elementary School uses STAR Reading for first and second grades and STAR Early Literacy for Kindergarten, three times per school year. It is an assessment system designed to assess all students' progress in reading. The criteria for "at or above benchmark" is determined by being at the 50th percentile or above based on the STAR Reading assessments. At the Fall benchmark of the 19-20* school year the following percentages of students were at or above benchmark: Kindergarten 50%; 1st grade 33%; 2nd grade 47%. At the conclusion of the 19-20* school year the following percentages of students were at or above benchmark: Kindergarten 62%; 1st grade 58%; 2nd grade 53%.

*In-person learning ceased during the 2019-2020 school year on March 13th, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The remainder of the academic year took place in a remote/virtual format. The student data reported reflects scores from the Fall of 2019 and the Winter of 2020 while students were still learning in person prior to the closure of the school district in the Spring of 2020.

Chikaming Elementary Schools consistently has 100% attendance at parent/teacher conferences, both fall and winter, for all grade levels.

Sincerely,

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