

**Dear Parents and Community Members,**

We are excited to share the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides important insights into Pathfinder Elementary School's progress during the 2023-24 school year. The AER fulfills federal and state reporting requirements and includes information on student assessments, accountability measures, and teacher qualifications. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Shelley Peets for assistance.

The AER can be reviewed electronically at [MI School Data](#) or in person at the school's main office.

For the 2023-24 school year, schools were categorized based on prior performance as defined by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA):

- **Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI):** Schools with at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2022-23.
- **Additional Targeted Support (ATS):** Schools with a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of schools statewide in 2021-22.
- **Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI):** Schools in the lowest 5% statewide or with a graduation rate of 67% or lower in 2021-22.

Schools not meeting these criteria are not assigned a label. Pathfinder Elementary has not been given any of these designations.

Looking ahead to the 2024-25 school year, Pathfinder Elementary is focusing on English Language Arts, Math, and Social-Emotional Support. To achieve these goals, we are strengthening our Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) for academics and behavior. Key initiatives include:

- Implementing a new math curriculum with fidelity.
- Piloting a new reading curriculum for full implementation in the 2025-26 school year.
- Enhancing Tier 1 literacy practices to ensure effective instruction.

Our school improvement goals are aligned with our vision to be **student-centered, learning-focused, and prepared for a global future.**

**Additional Required Information:**

1. Pathfinder Elementary is currently in the second year of a five-year school improvement plan.
2. Copies of our core curriculum, aligned with state standards, are available upon request in the Pathfinder Office.

3. Students take the NWEA MAP assessment three times a year to track growth in math and reading. Below are the Spring 2024 proficiency percentages:

○ **Mathematics:**

- Kindergarten: 57%
- 1st Grade: 62%
- 2nd Grade: 42%

○ **Reading:**

- Kindergarten: 39%
- 1st Grade: 55%
- 2nd Grade: 41%

4. Parent-teacher conferences are held twice a year. In-person attendance is encouraged, but phone and virtual options are available. In Fall 2023, 93.3% of students were represented, and Spring 2024 saw an 80.1% participation rate.

At Pathfinder Elementary, we remain dedicated to supporting students as they begin their educational journey. By utilizing data-driven strategies and fostering a culture of academic, social, and emotional growth, we are committed to ensuring the success of every student.