



DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A.L. Holmes Elementary-Middle School

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Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter (2012-2013)

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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 2012-2013 educational progress for the A. L. Holmes Elementary-Middle 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 Leenet Campbell-Williams, Principal at (313) 866-5644 for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the District's website <http://detroitk12.org/aer> or the school's website at <http://detroitk12.org/schools/school/165/>. You may also view a printed copy in the main office at your child's school or at the Parent Resource Center located at the Detroit International Academy, Room 141, 9026 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

The State has identified some schools with the status of Reward, Focus or Priority. A Reward school is one that is outperforming other schools in achievement, growth, or is performing better than other schools with a similar student population. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap in 30% of its student achievement scores. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the State. Our school has not been given one of these labels.

The key challenges for our school are as follows:

We did not meet the 90% attendance rate goal.

- The attendance rate for the All Students subgroup is 82.7%.

We did not test 95% of our students.

- Only 94.87% of the All Students and 94.81% of the African American subgroups were assessed in science.

We did not attain Differentiated target achievement goals for all subgroups of students in reading.

- Only 0.0% of the Bottom 30% subgroup met the Differentiated target for reading.

We did not attain Differentiated target achievement goals for all subgroups of students in writing.

- Only 0.0% of the Bottom 30% subgroup met the Differentiated target for writing.

We did not attain Differentiated target achievement goals for all subgroups of students in mathematics.

- Only 0.0% of the Bottom 30% subgroup met the Differentiated target for mathematics.

We did not attain Differentiated target achievement goals for all subgroups of students in science.

- Only 5.88% of the All Students; 0.0% of the Bottom 30%; 6.06% of the African American and 6.25% of the Economically Disadvantaged subgroups met the Differentiated target for science.

We did not attain Differentiated target achievement goals for all subgroups of students in social studies.

- Only 10.20% of the All Students; 0.0% of the Bottom 30%; 10.20% of the African American and 10.64% of the Economically Disadvantaged subgroups met the Differentiated target for social studies.

We are actively working to address our Michigan School Scorecard issues, accelerate student achievement and close persistent gaps in achievement.

In order to accelerate student growth, we are implementing a Walk to Intervention program in 2013-2014 that will give our students performing the furthest from the proficiency targets for the state and the district, an additional 30 minutes of math intervention and an extra 30 minutes of reading intervention on a daily basis. These targeted interventions will take place outside of the already lengthened reading and math daily instructional blocks. Research

indicates growth can only be accelerated by more instructional time that is individualized for each student.

In addition to this intervention plan, we have developed plans to implement consistency by way of our writing process in all science classes and project-based learning in all social studies classes. We are confident that the consistency in our programming, paired with intense interventions in reading and math, will continue to move our students forward academically.

This school year A.L. Holmes has extended our Blended Learning Model to include grades K-2. It was already implemented in grades 3-8 in 2011-2012. This model aligns curriculum, instruction and assessment on a continuous cycle combined with face-to-face facilitation, computer-mediated instruction, and/or inquiry based opportunities. This initiative is supported by a School Improvement Grant we received from the State of Michigan. Students in grades K-8 utilize Netbooks/Desktops to access an online supplemental curriculum aligned to state standards and Common Core State Standards for ELA and Math. Teachers are able to extract data on a daily basis in order to create small, flexible groups and differentiate instruction for each student. Students also access remediation tools online designed to address individual deficits and improve grade level performance. We have already seen gains in other assessment data used by the district like Star Math and Reading, DIBELS, MAP and TRC.

The Blended Learning Model has helped us to align outcomes with specific instructional strategies, target instructional and learning deficits and access growth on a regular basis. Staff members are involved in individual coaching sessions with ELA/Math Instructional Specialists and regular grade level team meetings to review and interpret data, monitor the instructional cycle and develop and refine instruction based on student needs. This work has given us solid predictors about our student performance for the Fall 2013 MEAP assessment.

Parent Involvement

School Messenger keeps parents informed via e-mail, text messages and automated phone calls about Parent meetings, teacher conference days, progress reports, report cards dates, etc. Student data from assessment sources like MEAP, DIBELS, MAP and STAR are sent home to parents accompanied by a letter explaining the assessment results. Weekly classroom newsletters and monthly calendars regarding classroom and school happenings are also distributed to parents. Head start monthly parent meetings and home visits, the Pathways to Potential office and Success Coach through Family Independence Agency, parent resource center and Detroit Parent Network are other avenues that foster parental involvement. In addition, parents are encouraged to attend general meetings like Open House, Title 1, LSCO, parent workshops and school performances. Parents have a myriad of ways to be involved in their child's learning.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

Process for Assigning Pupils to the School

During the 2011-2012 school year, Detroit Public Schools implemented the “Open Enrollment Initiative.” This initiative allows students to elect to attend any Detroit Public School without being required to live within the boundary for that school. The “Open Enrollment Initiative” does not apply to the Examination High Schools or Application Schools. Parents may enroll their child(ren) in the school of their interest as long as the school has not reached capacity for their particular grade. Enrollment preference is given to students who live within the boundary of a school.

It should also be noted that transportation will not be provided for students who select a school outside of the boundary of their home school. “Open Enrollment Initiative” resources can be found on our website at: http://detroitk12.org/resources/prospective_students/

School Improvement Status

Year	School Improvement Status
2012-2013	No Status
2011-2012	No AYP ~ AYP Not Met

Detroit Public Schools’ Core Curriculum:

Consistent with the Detroit Public Schools 2013-2017 Strategic Plan, there are aggressive plans to accelerate the rate of student achievement and to ensure that students graduate with the academic and social skills necessary for success in college and the workplace.

Specific curriculum actions are based on the District’s strategic plan to:

- I. Broaden Services to Address Student Needs
- II. Support Parents and Families
- III. Offer Broad/High Quality Programs
- IV. Improve Customer Service
- V. Create Safe Learning Environments
- VI. Transform Central and School based services to serve customers better
- VII. Improve Technology
- VIII. Minimize the Impacts of Change
- IX. Foster School-Based Leadership

Specific Curriculum Actions (Continued)

- X. Celebrate and Promote Success
- XI. Ensure Fiscal Stability
- XII. Improve Attendance and Discipline

The “Neighborhood-Centered, Quality Schools,” Strategic Plan, is available online at http://detroitk12.org/content/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Strategic_Plan_DRAFT-FINAL.pdf

Access to the Core Curriculum

The instructional strategies and grade level expectations are aligned to the State standards and the NAEP. This represents the core curriculum, which is supported by the texts, materials, computer software and other school level resources used daily in the classrooms. All of the professional development activities are aligned to the core curriculum.

The implementation is a process delineated in the District Plan. This plan serves as the framework for each school’s academic achievement plan.

The frequent monitoring of the implementation of these plans are conducted by the school diagnostic visits, review of the benchmark assessments, use of the teacher evaluation tool and adherence to the pacing calendar.

The variances from the State Plan can be found in the grade level expectations, which are also aligned to the higher standards of NAEP.

Parents/Guardians are offered classes to increase parenting skills, early childhood literacy, adult literacy and GED. During the school year, the Regional Parent Resource Center is a vehicle for parents and other community members to participate in regular and on-going informational and participatory sessions focused on curriculum and instruction. Learning Village (an online instructional management system), Web updates and semi-annual progress reports are a means to disseminate achievement information to educators. Parents will have the opportunity to monitor students’ progress, including attendance, through **Parent Connect** in the Fall.

Detroit Public Schools Core Curriculum is currently under revision. Pacing Charts and Curriculum guides will be posted to the Division of Teaching and Learning under the Leadership page of our website in the near future.

Parent Engagement

- ❖ Use the technology portal for parents to view daily lessons and to communicate with teachers.
- ❖ Implement and follow through with the parent contracts.

- ❖ Use the Parent Resource Center to engage parents in innovative workshops and sessions that are practical and will result in parent support to students at home.

Student Achievement Results

Aggregate Student Achievement Results and Detroit Public Schools Quarterly NWEA~MAP Reading and Mathematics reports for Holmes, A.L. Elementary-Middle School can be found on the Detroit Public Schools' web page at the Research, Evaluation and Assessment site at <http://detroitk12.org/data/rea/>. The following reports are available:

- District Profile Report
- Combined School Profile Reports
- Individual School Profile Reports
- Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Reports
- Michigan Accountability Scorecard Report
- Annual Education Report

Parent-Teacher Conferences (Interactions):

School Year	Total Parent Interactions	Percent
2012-2013	464	27.5%
2011-2012	624	34.9%

The Detroit Public Schools' Office of Research, Evaluation, Assessment and Accountability has developed a data collection system which has enabled the District to comply with the Annual Education Report criteria of identifying the number and percent of students represented by parents at Parent-Teacher Conferences.

- 1.0 Data from the PTC Forms represent "parent interactions" with teachers, per school, per card marking.
- 2.0 Parent Interaction Definition: During Parent-Teacher Conferences (and in some instances school open houses) Schools/Teachers are advised to have each parent participant provide a parent signature-a parent may not sign for a student if they did not talk about that student.
- 3.0 Several DPS schools had a very high percentage of reported parent interactions. This may be due to a number of

Parent Interactions (Continued)

reasons. In at least seven (7) instances, the calculated percentages are in excess of 100%. In each instance, each of these seven (7) schools is an elementary school or a Foundation for Early Learners School with a large parent turnout at each of the required conferences. If during each conference, one (1) parent with two (2) students enrolled in the school visited three (3) teachers for each of their two (2) students, this would count as six (6) parent interactions, thus increasing the base number and resulting percentage.

We would like to wish our students, parents and community a successful school year.

Sincerely,

Leenet Campbell-Williams, Principal