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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 2023-24 educational progress for Collins 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 me for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following [link](#), or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2024-25 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 in 2023-24. 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 in 2021-22. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state, had a graduation rate at or below 67%, or failed to exit ATS status in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

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Collins Elementary is a top performing school with high expectations and a history of academic excellence for all students. Our overall School Index System Ranking value was 97.42 for 2023-24. While we are pleased to have such a strong academic program, we continue to develop ways to help every student achieve greater success. When reviewing our data, there are significant achievement gaps in both third and fourth grade in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math according to 2024 Spring M-STEP data for our economically disadvantaged students and our bottom 30% subgroups. Again, we are using our 2024 M-Step data. Collins staff are working as Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) within an inquiry cycle to help identify essentials in reading, writing, and math. These teams also address what they will use for common formative assessments, interventions, and enrichment for all our students.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

#### **PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL:**

Students are assigned to the school in their attendance area where they live. As part of state law, the district participates in the Schools of Choice (SOC) program for non-resident families. Students admitted to the district through SOC are assigned to various schools on a space-available basis.

## THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:

Collins continues to use the school improvement process to re-evaluate current goals, establish new goals, and collaboratively work together to improve the school's performance.

## A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL:

Forest Hills Public Schools offers K-4; K-6; 5-6; 6-8; 7-8; and 9-12 buildings. We have three specialized schools:

**Ada Vista Spanish Immersion School (K-4)** Ada Vista is a Spanish immersion school in which all students are taught the Forest Hills curriculum using Spanish as the medium for instruction. It is amazing the way the students learn to read, write, and speak in both Spanish and English. In kindergarten and first grade, children are spoken to only in Spanish and are taught to read and write in Spanish, too. In January of the first grade year, the students begin to speak only in Spanish during class time. In second grade students begin English language arts for 30 minutes; each subsequent year that time is increased by 15 minutes. Students continue their immersion language learning at Northern Trails 5/6, Northern Hills Middle School, and Northern High School.

**Meadow Brook Mandarin Chinese Immersion School (K-4)** Meadow Brook Elementary hosts a 50/50 model Mandarin Chinese immersion program where students learn half the core content (math, science and Mandarin literacy) in Mandarin with English language arts and social studies taught in English. From the vast amount of research available, we know students can acquire any language faster and more easily if we begin as early as possible. Students in the Mandarin Chinese immersion learn to speak, read, and write at scaffold levels in each subsequent grade. Teachers in all grades begin the school year with no English and encourage students to only use the target language in class. Students continue their immersion language learning at Northern Trails 5/6, Northern Hills Middle School, and Northern High School.

**Goodwillie Environmental 5/6 School** Since 2001, Goodwillie Environmental School has offered fifth and sixth grade students a model educational program based primarily on learning in the "living classroom," the great outdoors. While this sounds easy on the surface, it is extremely difficult to adapt a challenging state mandated curriculum to meaningful and engaging lessons in nature. The awareness, dependency, and flexibility upon the weather are critical for weekly/daily planning. Phonology, Magic Spots, journaling, sketching, observing, writing, understanding, and of course, just enjoying nature is a special gift that these teachers are happy to share with their students.

**STEM Academy (9-12)** STEM is a four-year specialized program for high school students who are interested in pursuing post-secondary studies in Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Mathematics. Students in the STEM academy undertake a capstone design project in their senior year. The academy is based in Northern High School and utilizes an interdisciplinary curriculum grounded in community-based partnerships.

## IDENTIFY HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE'S MODEL:

The Forest Hills Public Schools Core Curriculum is aligned with academic standards adopted by the Michigan Department of Education. Curriculum committees comprised of teachers and administrators, work to align and update content at the district level. Further information related to the FHPS curriculum, its development, and implementation, may be obtained by contacting the Forest Hills Public Schools Instruction Office.

## THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS:

NWEA MAP Growth 2022-23 School Year

Grade	Test Window	Average Reading Scale Score	Students Tested (Reading)	Average Math Scale Score	Students Tested (Math)
K	Fall	141.0	66	145.9	64
K	Winter	148.2	66		
K	Spring	156.8	67	160.1	67
1	Fall	162.0	58	166.6	57
1	Winter	170.4	60	174.6	60
1	Spring	174.4	60	181.3	60
2	Fall	181.3	84	181.1	83
2	Winter	190.8	85	186.3	85
2	Spring	192.9	87	192.1	87
3	Fall	194.1	67	192.3	67
3	Winter	198.1	67	197.6	67
3	Spring	202.2	68	202.2	67
4	Fall	207.4	76	207.7	78
4	Winter	210.0	77	210.2	78
4	Spring	210.6	81	213.7	81

#### NWEA MAP Growth 2023-24 School Year

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K	Fall	141.0	66	148.4	66
K	Winter	154.1	68	159.7	69
K	Spring	162.2	68	167.4	68
1	Fall	160.7	71	164.1	71
1	Winter	167.6	69	171.8	69
1	Spring	175.5	71	180.4	71
2	Fall	178.6	64	177.5	64
2	Winter	183.8	64	185.9	64
2	Spring	190.0	63	192.4	63
3	Fall	195.7	100	192.4	100
3	Winter	202.5	100	201.2	100
3	Spring	204.9	98	206.8	98
4	Fall	202.4	73	203.5	73
4	Winter	206.2	73	212.1	73

4	Spring	208.9	75	219.8	75
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## IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Semester	Number of Students	Percentage of Students
Fall 2022	360	93%
Spring 2023	361	93%
Fall 2023	376	96%
Spring 2024	377	95%

Collins school is a great place for all learners. We promote kindness, respect and empathy for all our students. We also continued our work in building our community of learners using restorative circles and practices throughout the building. We have wonderfully diverse students, staff, families, and community. With all this support and enthusiasm, we have an excellent community of learners.

Sincerely,

Mitch Balingit  
Principal