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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 Orchard View 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.

At Orchard View, we continue our commitment of supporting all students to achieve at high levels. Through the use of ongoing assessments, PLC conversations that focus on student mastery of the priority standards and professional learning about balanced literacy in the classroom, our teachers are equipped to accurately identify students in need of support.

To accelerate student achievement, grade level teams collaborate bi-weekly to refine priority standards, reflect on their practices to meet the individual needs of all students, focus on rigorous tiered instruction, and develop formative assessments to gauge progress. In collaboration with our instructional coaches, teachers draw upon high-leverage strategies in our district instructional Framework to meet the needs of all learners. As they continue to engage in professional learning around conferring, small group instruction and intervention, teachers unlock key methodologies to meet the needs of our students. Students who are not meeting benchmark expectations are identified and receive additional support to promote learning. Classroom teachers work collaboratively with our MTSS paraprofessionals to monitor progress of students and of our instructional strategies at tier two.

Orchard View is in year 2 of implementation of an instructional leadership team with a focus around activating adult learning. We are developing school leaders through an in-depth study of PLC+. This year, staff committed to learning about collective efficacy and its high leverage value. During our PLC+ schoolwide staff meetings, staff engage in collaborative learning using a cyclical approach with the 5-Question Framework (Where Are We Going? Where Are We Now? How Do We Move Learning Forward? What Did We Learn Today? Who Benefited and Who Did Not Benefit?)

Culturally responsive teaching also remains a top priority as we constantly update our classroom libraries and instructional practices to best reach all students.

We are in our second year of implementing Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). This framework supports students' behavioral, academic and social health. We focused on consistent practices around a sense of

belonging. Our Climate and Culture Survey showed a higher perception rate when asked if our community felt a sense of belonging.

In December of 2023, Orchard View welcomed its newest member. Her name is Belle. She is a support dog and part of our FHPS PRIDE Pup program. The purpose of Forest Hills School Support Dogs (PRIDE Pups) is multifaceted, as studies have shown that the presence of therapy dogs can reduce stress, anxiety, and boost the overall emotional well-being of individuals. Belle works closely with our counselor and teachers in order to provide support to students who may be experiencing anxiety, stress, or simply in need of a furry friend to brighten their day. Belle has a schedule just like any other staff member, but of course, will also be available as needed when situations arise. Our counselor is her handler at school, meaning where she goes, Belle goes! She has already had a positive impact on our Orchard View community.

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:

Orchard View continues to leverage the school improvement process to re-evaluate current goals, establish new goals, and collaboratively work together to improve the school's performance. We have identified a focus area for our school. We will work to close the gap with our students that are not meeting proficiency according to M-STEP standards. The following areas are focus strategies:

Guaranteeing identified priority standards at each grade level

Improving our coordinated services

Ensuring that small group instruction is implemented with fidelity in Kindergarten through Grade 5, specifically with the use of the Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) Program

Implementing a workshop framework consistently to provide differentiated instruction

Providing strategic intervention and enrichment opportunities for all students

Analyzing academic and behavioral data to change practices to support all students

### 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	141.7	61	147.1	60
K	Winter	146.4	62	152.0	61
K	Spring	152.4	62	157.0	61
1	Fall	163.4	67	169.1	67
1	Winter	172.4	66	176.6	67
1	Spring	178.1	66	183.9	66
2	Fall	177.8	64	179.9	64
2	Winter	187.3	64	187.0	64
2	Spring	192.4	65	192.0	65
3	Fall	194.5	67	196.2	66
3	Winter	198.3	67	200.1	67
3	Spring	198.6	69	204.5	68
4	Fall	200.8	65	203.7	65

4	Winter	202.4	63	207.6	62
4	Spring	206.6	64	212.0	64
5	Fall	211.9	61	215.9	59
5	Winter	216.0	62	220.4	62
5	Spring	218.0	62	224.8	61

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

Grade	Test Window	Average Reading Scale Score	Students Tested (Reading)	Average Math Scale Score	Students Tested (Math)
K	Fall	143.9	64	147.8	63
K	Winter	151.2	64	154.5	63
K	Spring	159.3	62	162.6	61
1	Fall	159.7	65	162.4	66
1	Winter	171.4	63	173.9	63
1	Spring	175.2	64	180.7	62
2	Fall	183.1	69	181.7	69
2	Winter	188.5	72	190.1	73
2	Spring	194.3	74	193.9	74
3	Fall	191.9	73	188.8	72
3	Winter	198.2	75	198.6	75
3	Spring	202.1	73	205.5	73
4	Fall	201.7	73	203.5	73
4	Winter	205.4	70	213.2	71
4	Spring	208.7	71	219.4	70
5	Fall	209.8	59	212.8	59
5	Winter	215.1	58	223.9	58
5	Spring	217.4	60	227.2	58

#### IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Semester	Number of Students	Percentage of Students
Fall 2022	410	96%
Spring 2023	409	95%
Fall 2023	435	98%
Spring 2024	436	94%

Orchard View Elementary continues to be an inclusive student-centered environment where we focus on providing rigorous academic opportunities for our students. We are committed to working in partnership with our community and families to enrich the instructional and learning experiences of all Orchard View students. We are proud of our academic achievement and growth this year as measured by NWEA MAP. The Orchard View School Community would like to thank our families for their continued partnership and support. Orchard View is a wonderful place to gain a lifelong love for learning. We live out our mantra, “every kid, every day, together”.

Sincerely,

Christina Mendoza  
Principal