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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 2015-16 educational progress for Wattles 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 Joyce Brasington for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: <https://goo.gl/RFT33X> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2016-17 year, no new Priority or Focus schools were named; some Priority or Focus schools did exit their status because they met the exit criteria. New Reward schools were identified using school rankings and Beating the Odds information. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap between the highest and lowest achieving 30% of schools. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Reward school is one that has achieved one or more of the following distinctions: top 5% of schools on the Top-to-Bottom School Rankings, top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement (improvement metric), or "Beating the Odds" by outperforming the school's predicted ranking and/or similar schools. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. Our school has not been given one of these labels.

There are several reasons for our success: student focus and support, school organization and culture, challenging standards and curriculum, active teaching and learning, integration of technology, professional learning community, strong leadership, and partnerships with families and the community. As an educational team, we are dedicated to academic excellence and holding high expectations to ensure that each and every student will be successful learners. We are committed to creating a safe and positive learning environment where staff and students promote and model responsible, respectful behavior in order to provide each student the best learning opportunity.

State law requires that we also report additional information. Students are assigned to Wattles Elementary School, as well as every other school in the Troy School District, by grade level according to the district attendance boundaries. Students residing in the district may request open enrollment in a school other than the one to which they are assigned during the open enrollment period. Open enrollment is approved on the basis of staffing and capacity in the building. Wattles' School Improvement Plan is up to date and can be found in the school office. Wattles, along with the rest of the elementary schools in the District, follows the common core curriculum, an overview of which and description of its implementation can be found at the following link:

[http://www.troy.k12.mi.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=358138&type=d&pREC\\_ID=774499](http://www.troy.k12.mi.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=358138&type=d&pREC_ID=774499)

Our parents are important partners in their children's education. 492 (99.6%) of our students were represented by parents at parent-teacher conferences held in November of 2016.

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We have much to be proud of at Wattles Elementary School, where we were recognized as a National Blue Ribbon Exemplary school in 2014. The rigorous curriculum that Wattles provides, along with our top-notch professional teachers and staff, means every Wattles student has the opportunity to excel. As part of our mission of ongoing review and improvement, we will continue to work to ensure that any gaps in student achievement are eliminated. We are very proud of our students' achievements and believe that the support and involvement of our Wattles Elementary School families is critical to their success.

Thank you to all those who make Wattles such a wonderful place to live and learn. If I can be of assistance to you, please contact me at 248.823.3400, or by email at [jbrasington@troy.k12.mi.us](mailto:jbrasington@troy.k12.mi.us).

Sincerely,

*Joyce Brasington*

Dr. Joyce Brasington, Principal

Wattles Elementary

Working All Together To Learn, Ensures Success