



# Alamo Elementary School Annual Education Report 2015-16

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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 Alamo Elementary 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 Alamo Elementary Principal, Nicole Knight-Lucas, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website: [2015-16 Alamo Annual Report](#), or you may review a copy in our main office.

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. In these cases no label is given.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.

The faculty and staff at Alamo Elementary School provide a quality education for all students in an environment that encourages the discovery and development of skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary for lifelong learning. Parents and community members are encouraged to join us in this endeavor.

Principal .....	Mrs. Nicole Knight-Lucas
Grades Served .....	Pre K-5
Total Number of Certified Teachers.....	18.5
Total Number of Other Staff.....	1.5
Highly Qualified Teachers .....	100%
Enrollment.....	255

## STATE REPORTING INFORMATION:



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## 1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Elementary students are assigned to one of three school buildings based on geographical boundaries, which are modified from time to time, to fully utilize the district's teaching and facility resources. It is sometimes necessary to transfer some students from one attendance area to another. We attempt to assign Schools of Choice students to the closest building geographically, but it is first dependent upon availability.

## 2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Alamo Elementary has established goals for continued review and improvement of our school program. Our goal areas focus on:

1. All students will demonstrate cross-curricular writing proficiency to adequately develop ideas and content using details and examples.
2. All students will demonstrate mastery of basic math facts and computation skills.
3. Students will increase their comprehension of informational reading material.

## MATH

Delta math screeners will inform intervention for students who have yet to master the readiness standards. Paraprofessionals and special educators will be consistently intervening with the identified students. A school-wide common intervention time has been scheduled to better utilize resources to serve all students.

Curriculum maps, common unit assessments and lessons were developed by grade-level teams to create consistency and give the PLCs the data necessary to make pedagogical and programming decisions. This data will also be used to target interventions for students who need more time to master the essential math skills.

These teaching, learning and assessment resources will be further evaluated in light of new Math resources K-5. The K-5 math units are being analyzed with common unit assessments aligned with the Common Core Standards.

Staff worked this year to identify essential standards in each Math unit as well as creating formative assessments to inform teaching and intervention.

## READING

Alamo Elementary will continue to use DIBELS to identify students for intervention K-5. In grades K-5, common reading intervention time has been scheduled to better serve all students. Teachers have dedicated time to common reading intervention throughout the day with assistance from the special education teacher and paraprofessionals.

Tier I reading instruction includes Rewiring the Brain, K-5; Houghton Mifflin, K-5; Guided Reading, K-2; Literature Circles, 3-5. PLCs continue to analyze data to make pedagogical and programming decisions as well as to inform individualized interventions for students.

Staff at Alamo has committed to several reading non-negotiables that are expected in every classroom, every day. Students will have access to daily read to self-time, to good-fit books and to daily read alouds. Teachers work one on one with students to set individuals goals with students in reading and the student's goals are posted.

## 3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL



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### Programs and services located in the Otsego Public Schools include:

- Early Childhood Special Education - a special education classroom designed to provide preschool aged students with disabilities services to prepare them for Kindergarten.
- Hearing and Visual Consultant Services - specialists in the areas of hearing and visual impairments work with students in our local schools to support them in the general education classroom.
- Social Work, Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy services are available to all students.
- Autism Spectrum Disorder Consultant Services - specialists in the area of Autism Spectrum Disorder work with both students and teachers in our local schools to support their success in the educational environment.
- Walk in services and small group learning opportunities for students with disabilities ages 3 - 5 who qualify.
- Level 2 Programs - these programs are designed to provide educational services to students with disabilities who need more intensive learning support both in the classroom and in life.
- Level 1 Programs - these services are designed to provide students with disabilities academic and social support within the general education classroom and curriculum

In addition to the programs and services provided locally in the Otsego Public Schools, students with special needs also attend specialized county programs at the Hillside Learning and Behavior Center. Hillside's West campus houses programs for students with severe cognitive, physical, and neurologic impairments. Hillside's East campus houses programs for students with severe emotional and behavioral impairments.

#### **4. CORE CURRICULUM**

As mandated by the State of Michigan, Otsego Public Schools has developed a core curriculum at all school levels. Outcomes to be achieved by all students have been defined based upon the district's educational mission, student performance objectives, Common Core State Standards, the Michigan Grade Level Content expectations and the Michigan High School Content Expectations.

Common Core State Standards are used in K-12 for English Language Arts and Math. GLCES are followed for all other subjects in K-8 and HSCES for all other subjects 9-12. Common Core State Standards are available online at [www.otsegops.org](http://www.otsegops.org). For more information, please contact Heather Kortlandt, Director of Instruction at 269-692-6066.

#### **5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS**

MATH: end of year Delta Math Screener Data:

- KINDERGARTEN: 90% at or above 80% on 1st grade readiness standards
- 1st GRADE: 100% at or above 80% on 2nd grade readiness standards
- 2nd GRADE: 93% at or above 80% on 3rd grade readiness standards



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- 3rd GRADE: 100% at or above 80% on 4th grade readiness standards
- 4th GRADE: 87% at or above 80% on 5th grade readiness standards
- 5th GRADE: 88% at or above 80% on 6th grade readiness standards

### READING: DIBELS end of year data (composite score)

- Kindergarten: 95% at benchmark
- 1st grade: 77% at benchmark
- 2nd grade: 88% at benchmark
- 3rd grade: 89% at benchmark
- 4th grade: 89% at benchmark
- 5th grade: 77% at benchmark

### WRITING: Narrative writing prompt data

- Kindergarten: 95% meets or exceeds expectations
- 1st grade: 90% meets or exceeds expectations
- 2nd grade: 92% meets or exceeds expectations
- 3rd grade: 91% meets or exceeds expectations
- 4th grade: 87% meets or exceeds expectations
- 5th grade: 88% meets or exceeds expectations

### Star Reading Instructional Reading Level:

- Kindergarten: 100% of students tested at or above grade level in reading
- 1st grade: 82% at or above grade level
- 2nd grade: 81% at or above grade level
- 3rd grade: 83% at or above grade level
- 4th grade: 73% at or above grade level
- 5th grade: 75% at or above grade level

### 6. Parent-Teacher Conferences/Orientation Participation

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Fall	94%	94%	95%
Spring	89%	89%	90%
August Orientation			92%

We are very proud of all we do and offer at Alamo Elementary. We are always looking at ways to improve student achievement on the individual student level and look forward to another great year ahead. Please look at our Points of Pride below to see all of the ways our students are excelling in school and in life experiences.

Sincerely,

*Nicole Knight-Lucas,*  
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### Points of Pride

- Our building theme this year, “Alamo Reading Ranch,” united our students, staff and community and gave direction to our building program.
- Successful implementation of WatchD.O.G.S. Program where dad’s volunteered their day at school in the classrooms, hallways, cafeteria and playground.
- Five students from Alamo Elementary had their artwork selected for a traveling display to be sent to China by the Michigan State University Extension Service’s 4-H program. This is the fourteenth year in a row a student from Alamo has had their artwork chosen for the exchange.
- Exercise and healthy choices were concentrated on in all areas.
- All students participated in the 9th Jump rope for Heart event raising \$8,899.
- All students and faculty participated in ACES (All Children Exercising Simultaneously) on May 4th.
- Our fall fundraiser was a walk-a-thon which raised over \$10,245.
- Seven students had over 200 accelerated reader points.
- Provided 13 backpacks in the Backpack Buddy Program.
- Five classrooms participated in Junior Achievement.
- Fourteen, fourth and fifth grade girls participated on two different teams in the Greater Kalamazoo Girls on the Run. The greater Kalamazoo area is one of the largest participation in the nation with over 2,000 girls participating this year.
- Five students received the President’s Award for Educational Excellence and six students received the President’s Award for Educational Improvement.
- Three students had perfect attendance all year.
- Students who were trained as Conflict Managers helped on our school playground during the lunch recess time.
- Twenty-seven third through fifth grade students received all A’s for the entire school year.
- The Alamo Lunchtime Walking Club was continued this year. As a school, we walked over 4,542 miles.





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- Hosted over 125 moms for Muffins with Mom
- Hosted over 125 dad for Donuts with Dad
- Four teams participated in Battle of the Books this year.
- Alamo students exhibited work at the annual Creative Arts Festival in Otsego.
- Provided a family of eight with Christmas gifts and meals throughout the holiday season.
- Student Council packaged 62 dozen cookies were assembled for Wings of Hope Hospice Cookie Capers.
- 100 percent of our staff was trained in Capturing Kids Hearts.
- After school exercise intervention, PAWS (Physical Activity With Spirit), was continued. Twenty-three students participated in the program.
- Twelve 4th & 5th grade boys participated in Boyz on the Move. Boys completed a 5K triathlon.
- Successful continuation of building wide character recognition program, PRIDE (Positive Attitude, Responsible Actions, Integrity Within) Determination to Succeed, Expect Excellence)
- Successful implementation of building wide hallway, bathroom, cafeteria, and playground expectations.
- After school Art Club continued for 4th & 5th grade students
- Elementary float entered into the annual Homecoming parade.
- Each Friday morning begins with dancing and greeting the whole school in the hallways.
- Kalamazoo Nature Center visited each classroom for a specialized program.
- Third grade students partnered with Dix Street elementary for a musical performance "Goal"
- The Otsego Stars, an after school choir for 4th & 5th grade students, had two performances at Otsego High School.
- 2nd graders participated in an authentic writing project where they wrote to their favorite author and told him/her what they liked about his/her writing.





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- LEGO Lab continued throughout the building and used as a resource to teach core curriculum.
- After school LEGO leagues for 1st-5th grade students.
- Successful completion of the state online assessment M-STEP.
- Implementation of common intervention time for math and reading.
- Family events were held throughout the year including: Meet & Greet, Fall Festival, Roller Skating at Roller World & Alamo Reading Night.
- Student Council put on the first Alamo's Got Talent show and over 12 acts took the stage.
- Kevin Kammeraad, Michigan author, musician and poet visited during March is Reading Month
- Our Media Center hosted a Scholastic Book Fair earning the school more than \$2,500.00 towards the purchase of new books.
- Mrs. Rachell Juriga trained twelve 5th grade and twelve 4th grade students who volunteered their free time to work on the playground as Conflict Managers. These students assist with Mileage Club and help younger students solve social problems.
- Junior Achievement program in Kindergarten and grades K-5
- Continued collecting clothing for the Otsego clothes closet and winter wear programs.
- 1st and 2nd grades combined to intervene with students who needed extra help in math.
- The RtI team attended 3 days of training with Paul Farmer, a Solution Tree RtI expert.
- Delayed Start Wednesdays: 30 delayed starts focused on RTI Professional Development and PLC time for collaboration, data analysis, and curriculum evaluation.
- Implementation of building wide classroom reading non-negotiables including daily read to self-time, daily read alouds and good fit books for every student.

