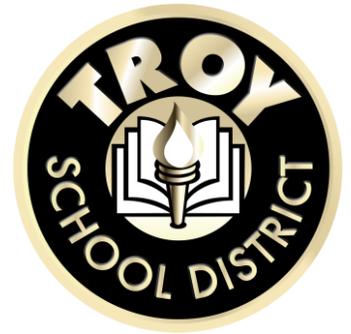




# HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## 2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT

March 13, 2017

Dear Hamilton Community:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2015-2016 educational progress for Hamilton Elementary School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by Federal and some requirements of 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 Principal Sarah Glasser for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following link: <https://goo.gl/70Cmzi> or you may review a copy in the principal's 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. In these cases no label is given. Hamilton was designated as a Reward School!

Hamilton Elementary School is part of a suburban school district located in Oakland County, Michigan. Hamilton is located on the northern section of Troy. It has a current enrollment of approximately 520 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Hamilton currently has three sections of grades one, two, and five and four sections of kindergarten, grade three, and grade four. We provide our students a comprehensive core curriculum as well as a fine arts program. All students receive Spanish, art, vocal music, physical education and media every week. In addition, our fifth grade students participate in instrumental music. Our current Continuous School Improvement plan addresses the needs of our English Language Learners and special education students. The data showed the most significant gaps existed with these student subgroups.

Hamilton's mission states, ***"The purpose of Hamilton School is to create a culture of learning for all members of the community."***

To support our mission and live up to the expectations set for by our beliefs, we have strategically created Continuous School Improvement goals in the areas of math, reading, and writing. All of these goals state that 100% of all students will be proficient in that subject area by the time they leave us in fifth grade.

State law requires that we also report additional information. Students are assigned to Hamilton, 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. Hamilton's School Improvement Plan is up to date and can be found in the school office. Hamilton, 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)

We have much to be proud of at Hamilton Elementary School. The rigorous curriculum that Hamilton provides, along with our top-notch professional teachers and staff, means every Hamilton student can 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 Hamilton Elementary School families is critical to their success.

Thank you to all those who make Hamilton such a wonderful place to live and learn. If I can be of assistance to you, please contact me at 248.823.4420, or by email at [sglasser@troy.k12.mi.us](mailto:sglasser@troy.k12.mi.us).

Sincerely,  
Sarah Glasser

