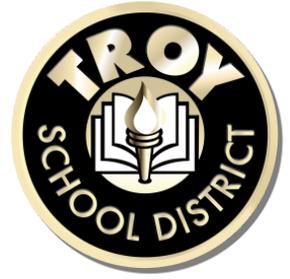




Wass Elementary School

2016-2017 Annual Report



March 7, 2017

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 Wass 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 Principal Matt Jansen for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/g5BahF>, 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. In these cases, no label is given.

Wass Elementary School was identified as a **Reward School**.

Wass Elementary School is a suburban school in the Troy School District located in Oakland County, Michigan. Wass is located in the northwestern section of Troy. It has a current enrollment of around 435 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Wass currently has three sections of every grade level (K-5). 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 for all students regardless of ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or gender. The following data shows the proficiency of our students in grades 3-5.

Wass - Grade 3					
ELA			Math		
13-14	14-15	15-16	13-14	14-15	15-16
89	79.0%	76.0%	69	75.0%	71.0%

Wass - Grade 4								
ELA			Math			Science		
13-14	14-15	15-16	13-14	14-15	15-16	13-14	14-15	15-16
92	93.0%	86.0%	71	84.0%	80.0%	N/A	19.0%	24.0%

Wass - Grade 5								
ELA			Math			Social Studies		
13-14	14-15	15-16	13-14	14-15	15-16	13-14	14-15	15-16
97	83.0%	88.0%	85	68.0%	77.0%	N/A	56.0%	48.0%

Wass' mission, vision, and goal truly help “**all students reach their highest learning potential.**” Our mission, vision and goals are stated below:

Mission: The purpose of Wass Elementary School is to ensure that each student reaches his/her highest learning potential.

Vision: Wass is a place where we will establish a positive culture of thinking. We will teach curricula that supports best practice, and administer assessments that drive instruction for ALL students.

Literacy Goal – All students will be College and Career Ready in Writing.

Math Goal - All students will be College and Career Ready in Math.

Science Goal - All students will be College and Career Ready in Science.

Each year, our school improvement leadership team works with the staff to outline improvement goals and monitor our progress on those goals. We have recently created multi-year goals in literacy, math, and science. These goals include strategies and assessments for teachers to implement in classrooms. Wass conducts an annual school improvement review by hosting a visiting team to reflect on our continuous school improvement process and provide feedback for improvement.

We have much to be proud of at Wass Elementary School, where we are recognized nationwide for excellence in academics and fine arts education. Our students regularly demonstrate success in local competitions and prestigious national contests in math, science, language arts, music, and other enrichment programs. The rigorous curriculum that Wass provides, along with our elite professional staff, means that every Wass 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. Our parent community shows continuous support. Some examples of this support are demonstrated by the work of our PTO, the *Running with the Wolves* fundraiser, school volunteers and the 99% attendance rate at Parent Teacher Conferences. We are very proud of our students' achievements and believe that the support and involvement of our Wass Elementary School families is critical to our success.

Thank you to all those who make Wass such a wonderful place to live and learn. If I can be of assistance to you, please contact me at mjansen@troy.k12.mi.us or 248-823-3900.

Respectfully,

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