



Public Schools of Petoskey

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Lincoln Elementary School's Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the **Annual Education Report (AER)**. This report provides key information on the 2016-17 educational progress of Lincoln Elementary School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. Our school report contains information about student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality. If you have a question, please contact me for assistance.

The **Annual Education Report** is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website: <https://goo.gl/C8bzfs>. You may also review a hard copy of the school report at Lincoln Elementary School's main office.

Information from the State of Michigan

For the 2016-17 year, schools were identified using new definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has three or more underperforming student subgroups. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. *Lincoln Elementary School has received none of these labels for 2016-17.*

Key Building Initiatives

In addition to academic growth, Lincoln prides itself on addressing the needs of the whole child. Our school follows the "Full Value Agreement". We believe that all students, staff and families should work as a team, feel emotionally and physically safe, and speak up in a safe manner if something does not seem right. Our peer-to-peer LINKS program helps students in classrooms with specific social or learning needs and teaches students what it is like to be a member of a caring community. Weekly Apple Awards, Birthday Fridays, spirit days, and multiple school-wide events help build a

sense of school family and a climate of respect and caring that is incompatible with bullying.

We are also required by state law to report the additional information below for the two most recent years:

1. Pupils are assigned to schools based upon the age and grade of the student, living proximity to the school (whenever possible), class size, siblings within the Public Schools of Petoskey, parent preference (when possible), and availability of staff to meet the needs of the student. Building principals meet and decide the best placement based upon this set of criteria.
2. We are moving forward on our multi-year School Improvement Plan (SIP), and we continue to make learning gains. Our focus to increase each student's core proficiencies is supported through a continual review/revision/alignment of curriculum, balanced assessment plans and analysis, evidence-based teaching practices, stakeholder and PLC collaboration, a variety of supports/extensions (e.g., multi-leveled systems of supports), and caring for each member of our school family.
3. There are no "specialized schools" within our district. However, we do offer "specialized programs" that include special education, Title I/31a, enrichment, Title VII, Montessori School, and alternative settings through Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate District.
4. Our district's core curriculum follows Michigan's Content Standards and Practices in ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, the Arts, PE, World Languages (PHS), and Technology, along with Michigan's CTE Standards in career tech courses (6-12). These standards can be found at https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753_64839_65510---,00.html. Our curriculum is built, aligned, and paced using these standards by grade level and/or department. Other district information is on our website under Curriculum. Click on General Guide and Curriculum Framework with Spiral Annual Progressions at: <http://moodle.petoskeyschools.org/course/view.php?id=204>.
5. The aggregate student achievement results for our school on state tests can be found in our Annual Education Report or in our Annual Report/Calendar available at all schools in hard copy or electronically on the district website at www.petoskeyschools.org under the tabs "Info" & "State Reports." All state and national assessments (e.g., NWEA) show our students well above average proficiency levels, with the exception of some small subgroups. We do not post common assessment data, ELPA findings, or national NWEA scores. Our staff utilizes this information to assess, monitor, and report individual student information to parents/guardians and to monitor cohorts' growth information. The results of these personalized tests are sent to parents/guardians at various times during the school year and are discussed at parent-teacher meetings/conferences and during PLC/building team meetings.

6. The number and percent of students represented by parents/guardians are also displayed in our Annual Report Calendar, which is available in hard copy at all schools and on our district website at www.petoskeyschools.org. Lincoln Elementary School's Parent-Teacher Conference attendance was 96% (fall).

Lincoln Elementary School has served the students and families of the Petoskey area since 1896. We strive to provide a quality education for all students and to promote self-esteem and creativity in a positive and nurturing environment. We would like to thank our families, educational partners, and community members for providing opportunities so that all of our students can achieve to their greatest potential. The Public Schools of Petoskey truly is a *"Special Place for Everyone."*

Sincerely,
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