

School 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) which provides key information on the 2014-2015 educational progress for Sheridan Road STEM 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 the principal, Mrs. Benavides, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <u>https://goo.gl/fCkE1b</u> or you may review a copy in our main office at your child's school.

Data shows that Sheridan Road STEM met the learning growth targets for M-STEP with above average achievement in fourth grade reading and mathematics. Gaps are closing overall between economically disadvantaged and non-economically disadvantaged. Process data was analyzed and determined that programs to assist students on a small group and individual basis should continue. Perception data showed a strength in having a highly qualified staff that is adept at how process and assess student data.

In our school improvement plan we have outlined strategies and activities that are directed to the achievement of the whole school. These activities include direct and explicit teaching strategies, learning close and critical reading strategies, problem solving, and hands-on, inquiry based instruction to name a few. Within each goal we have outlined multi tiered interventions for students who are performing below grade level. These intervention strategies are meant to deliver differentiated instruction in a small group or on-on-one basis. We also have a full time literacy teacher on staff to work with our Title I and At-Risk Students.

Please see our Combined Report for other information and our latest updates. Sheridan Road's enrollment is through the district office schools of choice options (offered once a year). Students could also enroll at the school.

Sheridan Road's School Improvement Plan and goals are reviewed annually, and revised as needed for depth, clarity, and best practice. Our goals are data driven, using formative assessment data as a primary source of information guiding fundamental and incremental changes made each year. Parents are part of our School Improvement review process. If you are interested in becoming a member of our School Improvement Team, please contact the school office at 755-1630.



Sheridan Road is a STEM Magnet School. Students gain the 21st century skills necessary to become learners and leaders in our global economy. Engaging students in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics builds a foundation for inquisitiveness, innovation and problem solving.

Sheridan Road has fully implemented the Common Core State Standards in area of Language Arts and Math and the GLCE's in the areas of Science and Social Studies. The CCSS and GLCE's are available on the Michigan Department of Education's website, <u>https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753_64839_65510---,00.html</u> Curriculum documents can be accessed through the assistant superintendent link on the Lansing School District's website: <u>www.lansingschools.net.</u>

During the fall of 2015, 85% (363 parents) of parents attended parent teacher conferences. This is a 5% increase In participation from 2014 fall conferences which was 80% (248 parents).

Sheridan Road staff is devoted to providing an outstanding learning environment for each and every child. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort. The Sheridan Road staff looks forward to working with all of our students and their families this school year. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Jessica Benavides

Jessica Benavides, Principal of Sheridan Road STEM School