



**Northview Public Schools  
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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 2018-19 educational progress for Highlands 5/6 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 Jamey Vermaat, Highlands 5/6 Principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [Highlands 5/6 AER](#), or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2018-19 school year, schools were identified using 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 or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

\* Note TSI and ATS definitions were changed for the 2018-19 school year per federal requirements. The new definitions are:

TSI – The school has at least one subgroup performing in the bottom 25% within each applicable accountability index component.

ATS – The school has met the criteria for TSI identification and has at least one subgroup performing at the same level as a CSI school.

I am pleased to share that Highlands 5/6 Building was not assigned any of the foregoing labels.

Based on statewide assessment data, Highlands 5/6 Building compares very favorably to schools across the state of Michigan. As part of our continued school

improvement process, we focus on increasing student achievement in all core academic areas.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

**1. Process for assigning pupils to the school:**

Northview Public Schools operates one comprehensive middle school. All students who reside within the Northview attendance area attend Highlands 5/6 following the 4th grade. As part of state law, the district also participates in the Schools of Choice (SOC) program for non-resident families.

**2. The status of the 3-5 year school improvement plan:**

Highlands 5/6 Building continues to use the school improvement process to re-evaluate current goals, establish new goals, and collaboratively work together to improve student performance.

**3. A brief description of each specialized school:**

Northview Public Schools offers DK-4; 5-6; 7-8; and 9-12 buildings. All of our schools operate under the same academic rigor and goals. We strive for consistency in excellence in each school and work closely together to achieve that academic success.

**4. Identify how to access a copy of the core curriculum, a description of its implementation and an explanation of the variances from the state's model:**

The Northview Public Schools core curriculum is aligned with academic standards adopted by the Michigan Department of Education. Curriculum committees comprised of classroom teachers and curriculum leaders work to align and update content. Further information related to the NVPS curriculum, its development, and implementation may be obtained by contacting Liz Cotter, NVPS Interim Deputy Superintendent.

**5. The aggregate student achievement results for any local competency tests or nationally normed achievement tests:**

Current school assessment data can be found at [MISchoolData.org](http://MISchoolData.org).

**6. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

90% of 493 students had parents in attendance for October conferences.  
76% of 489 students had parents in attendance for March conferences.

Thank you for your support and dedication to the students of Highlands 5/6 Building. We take great pride in the success of each student and appreciate a strong partnership with our families and community.

Sincerely,

Jamey Vermaat  
Principal  
Highlands 5/6 Building