



## North Shore Elementary School

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### **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 2014-15 educational progress for North Shore Elementary 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 LaTonya Gill-Williams, North Shore Elementary Principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/UqgM9A> or you may review a copy in our main office at your child's school.

Some key challenges for North Shore will be continued focus on improving reading, science, writing, math, and building climate. To address the latter areas, parental involvement strategies, curriculum adoptions and updates, setting learning targets for students (student ownership), positive behavior supports to address behavior needs, as well as utilizing a multi-tiered system of support (RtI framework) either have been implemented or will be implemented in the future.

#### **1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL**

All district and schools of choice students who are enrolled at South Haven Public Schools for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades are assigned to North Shore Elementary School. It is the only school in the district that houses and serves these grades. We receive students from both primary elementary buildings, Lincoln Elementary and Maple Grove Elementary, after students complete the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

#### **2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

North Shore has been updating the school improvement plan for the 2016-2017 school year. We have been diligently working on curriculum alignment to the Common Core State Standards. After the 1<sup>st</sup> administration of the M-Step Assessment and the resulting low proficiency scores, it is clear that the district is lacking a comprehensive K-5 curriculum in ELA and mathematics. Our school

improvement plan will be overhauled to include ELA pilots and subsequent purchases, as well as math curriculum pilots.

3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL

North Shore is an elementary school, serving grades 4-5 only.

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

To access a copy of the core curriculum, please contact Tara Wilkinson, Communications Director @ [twilkinson@shps.org](mailto:twilkinson@shps.org).

5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

North Shore Elementary participates in benchmark assessments using the NWEA MAP Test. The following chart displays the percentage of students who scored at or above the norm grade level mean RIT in reading and mathematics in the spring of 2014 and 2015:

NWEA- MAP	Grade 4-Reading	Grade 4-Math	Grade 5-Reading	Grade 5-Math
Spring 2014	44%	43%	45%	46%
Spring 2015	49%	51%	45%	48%

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

Attendance rates for parent-teacher conferences has been relatively high at the elementary level. For the past 5 years, there has been a 93-94% attendance rate for parents at conferences. If we include phone conferences and meetings after the scheduled conference dates, the attendance rates would increase to approximately 97-98% each year.

North Shore Elementary is a great school. It's a place where students are the highest priority. Our staff is committed to excellence and works tirelessly to provide a rigorous curriculum and learning opportunities and experiences that promote student success.

Sincerely,

LaTonya Gill-Williams  
Principal