

## 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 2023-24 educational progress for Francis A. Higgins 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 Susan Trebilcock for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [https://www.mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1?Common\\_Locations=1-S,7446,1299,95](https://www.mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1?Common_Locations=1-S,7446,1299,95) or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2024-25 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2023-24. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state in 2021-22. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN ONE OF THESE LABELS.

As a whole, our students are making growth according to state testing in most academic areas. When students are broken into subgroups, we need to further support our students who are falling in the bottom 30% of those tested. We will be addressing those needs through our School Improvement Plan which addresses goals in Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies. In addition, we will continue to implement Response to Intervention blocks to allow grade level teachers additional time and opportunity to meet students' needs.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. The process for assigning pupils to each school is based on board approved boundary alignments. Students living within the district boundaries that would like to attend a different school than his/her current assignment can see a change in assignment through internal schools of choice.
2. Each year, the school submits a School Improvement Plan to the Michigan Department of Education, outlining identified goals for student success. The academic goals for the school include working toward improvements in reading, writing, and mathematics.
3. L'Anse Creuse has two specialized secondary schools to meet the needs of a wide variety of student needs and interests. The DiAnne M. Pellerin Center is an alternative high school addressing the needs of learners in a smaller setting with specialized curriculum pathways. The Fredrick V. Pankow Center provides programs in Career Technical Education, Math and Science, and the Performing Arts. Additionally, L'Anse Creuse students with special needs have access to schools within the operation of the Macomb Intermediate School District.
4. The L'Anse Creuse curriculum does not vary from the state of Michigan standards. A copy of the standards can be found here: [LCPS Atlas Public Site](#)
5. L'Anse Creuse Public Schools administers the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) benchmark assessments to all students in Mathematics and Reading in grades K-10. The assessments are given three times each year. Student data is analyzed to identify strengths and areas of need for students, classes, grade levels and schools. Teachers utilize data to guide instruction and meet the needs of individual students as well as set goals for growth and building school improvement.

NWEA results for Mathematics and Reading for the 2023 and 2024 school years for Francis A. Higgins are found below.

NWEA MAP Growth - Mathematics				
Grade	Fall 2023		Fall 2024	
	Mean RIT	Percentile	Mean RIT	Percentile
K	-	-	-	-
1	142.1	68	160.4	52
2	157.6	34	170.5	22
3	173.8	42	188.1	47
4	185.1	29	200.1	53
5	199.0	47	210.6	58

NWEA MAP Growth - Reading				
Grade	Fall 2023		Fall 2024	
	Mean RIT	Percentile	Mean RIT	Percentile
K	-	-	-	-
1	138.0	60	155.5	47
2	152.9	29	169.9	35
3	169.2	31	181.4	23
4	181.5	24	195.7	45
5	194.5	38	203.0	42

6. Parent participation in parent teacher conferences is as follows: 2022-2023 Fall 99%, Spring 99%, 2023-2024 Fall 98%, Spring 95%.

We are very proud of student achievements at Francis A. Higgins Elementary School. We will continue to work toward our school improvement goals of improvement in Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Teachers will receive professional development beneficial to improving instructional practices and therefore increasing student achievement. Our school is successful due to the combined efforts of our staff and the support of our parents and community.

Sincerely,

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