



LaMora Park 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 2019-20 educational progress for the LaMora Park 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 Angela Morris, LaMora Park Elementary School Principal at 269 965-9725 for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://bit.ly/2GaSjmV> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. The BCPS district AER is available here: <https://goo.gl/H6z7zp>.

For the 2019-20 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 a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. 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. Our school has not been given one of these labels.

Our school began serving students in Pre-K/2nd grade during the 2016-17 school year. Some of the concerns we continue to address are the number of students below the 50th percentile in reading and math achievement. In order to address the academic issues which are barriers to improved student achievement we made several significant changes and activities to the 2019-2020 school year. Actions included: Push in reading intervention for all of our K-2 students. Hiring an instructional coach to help teachers build their skills in delivering high quality instruction. Implementing a robust MTSS system to address the learning needs of

our most at risk students. Ensuring that high quality Tier 1 instruction is in place and implemented in all classrooms.

1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Students who attend LaMora-Park Elementary are assigned to our school by where they reside. Boundaries are set and can be reviewed by calling the school secretary at 269-965-9725.

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

During the 2019-2020 school year, LaMora Park will be in their fourth year of it's School Improvement Plan. We continue to work to improve the education our students receive. Regular meetings are held with staff members, parents, and interested community stakeholders to discuss data, and upcoming changes. Our Instructional Leadership Team will lead our school implementing our Theory of Action to improve student outcomes.

3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL

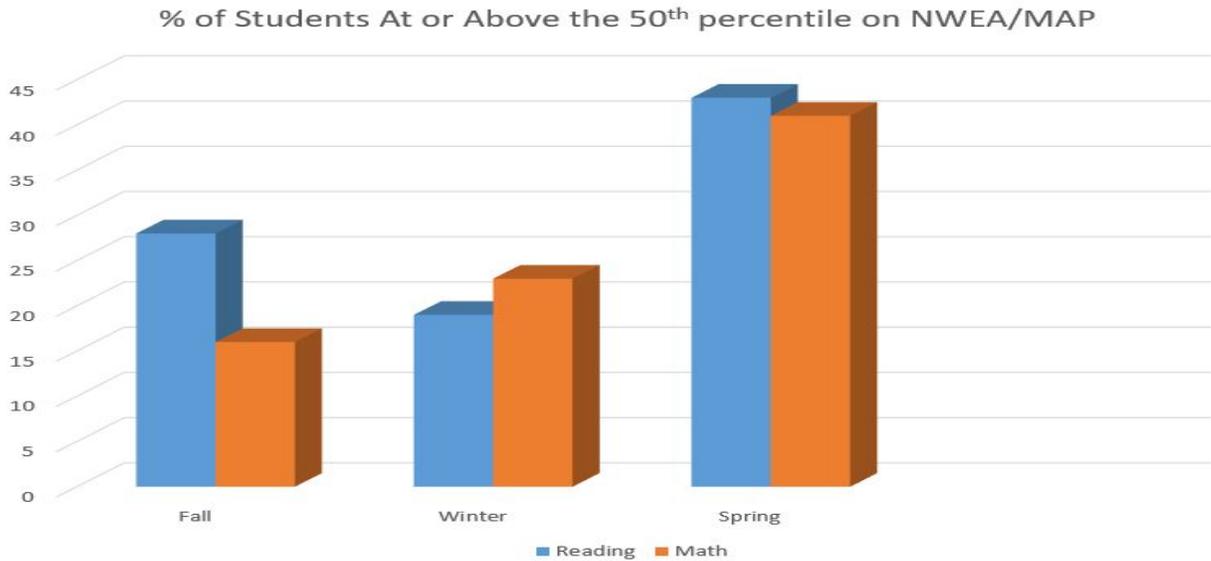
LaMora Park Elementary is a PreK-2nd grade building with approximately 210 students enrolled. We are an early literacy school and specialize in early literacy as well as introducing our youngest learners to science, technology, and math. In addition, all students participate in physical education, art and music. We have one School Nurse, an ELL tutor, and a Speech teacher. We have one Intervention tutor.

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

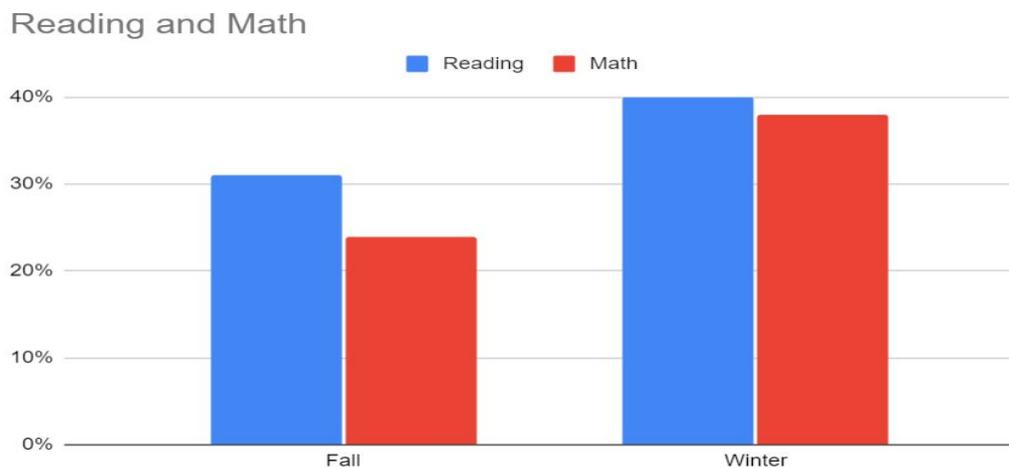
LaMora Park's core curriculum and curriculum guides can be accessed by requesting copies from the central office. Battle Creek Public Schools' curriculum is aligned with Michigan's Common Core Curriculum Standards. Curriculum maps and common classroom assessments are being developed to provide teachers with consistent expectations to monitor student achievement. The district continues to focus on the Four A's of curriculum work: Alignment with the Standards and Benchmarks/Grade Level Content Expectations; Articulation between grade levels and core areas/courses; Assessment measures that consistently gauges student achievement levels; and Accountability in teaching the written curriculum. Teachers are actively involved in the curriculum development process and provide valuable feedback as we continue to focus on high levels of academic achievement for all students.

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

For the **2018-2019** school year, LaMora Park students made progress on the NWEA MAP assessment.



For the **2019-2020** school year we were only able to have students do the NWEA MAP test in the Fall and Winter due to COVID but we also saw growth in the number of students above the 50th percentile in both Reading and Math.



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

LaMora Park has good participation at parent teacher conferences. During our last conference 80% of parents attended.

At LaMora Park Elementary School we believe that all children can learn and succeed, regardless of race, income or background. This is a place where students can learn safely, explore their creativity, find their passions and prepare for their futures.

BCPS is in the midst of a historic transformation to ensure a world-class college, career, and culture ready education for every student, in every grade at every school. We understand that big change does not happen overnight, and as a district, we are committed to long-term growth for the betterment of our students, schools, and our community.

As a parent at LaMora Park Elementary, you are part of a diverse community where every person provides a unique contribution. We believe in the infinite possibilities of our students and their future. Thank you for being a part of this journey with us.

Believe in the Change!

Sincerely,

Angela Morris
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