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**Deerfield Elementary**  
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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 2020-21 educational progress for Deerfield Elementary. The Annual Education Report 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 Mrs. Julie Bedford, Principal, for assistance.

For the 2020-21 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. 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".

In April, 2018 the Michigan Department of Education released a new, *Parent Dashboard for School Transparency*. The Dashboard is meant to be a "living" tool to show parents accurate and objective data about all schools in the state. You can view our school's Dashboard at: <https://www.mischooldata.org/dashboard-home/>.

For the 2020-21 school year, Deerfield Elementary was ranked by NICHE as the number one public elementary school in the state of Michigan. Despite being proud of this award and our other achievements, Deerfield Elementary continues to closely monitor the progress for each student, and we are concerned for any achievement gaps that exist in our school. For example, we have gaps between our students who have disabilities versus those who do not. This would also be true for our students who are learning to speak English and need specialized support. Ultimately, each teacher works to differentiate instruction to meet the individual needs for each student.

Due to the COVID pandemic and school being shut down, the 2019-20 M-Step was not administered. The 2018-19 M-Step scores for Deerfield Elementary far exceeded the state averages in all tested areas, as well as, surpassed Oakland County test score averages. Deerfield Elementary fourth grade M-Step scores for all tested students are as follows: Math 82% proficient (state 42%), and ELA 78% proficient (state 46%). Deerfield Elementary third grade M-Step scores for all tested students are as follows: Math 81% proficient (state 47%) and ELA 69% proficient (state 45%).

State law requires that we also report additional information:

**Process for Student Assignments**

Novi Community School district has five elementary K-4 buildings. Students are assigned to each building based on their geographic location.

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### School Improvement Plan

Deerfield is accredited by the North Central Association and is continuing to maintain and enhance our five year School Improvement Plan. Deerfield is in year 3 of the 5 year School Improvement Plan.

### School Description

Deerfield Elementary currently has a growing population and to date has about 450 students in grades K-4. Approximately 38% of those students are white, 52% of those students are Asian or more than one ethnicity and 10% are black or Hispanic. Only about 1% receive free and reduced lunch, 28% receive direct English Language instruction and 6% receive special education services.

### Core Curriculum

The Novi Community Schools continues to align existing curriculum with common core state standards as well as structure common assessments which are aligned with state and national standards. The use of Atlas Rubicon Curriculum Maps system provides a common structure and easily accessible warehouse for intended curriculum as well as actual curriculum presented. You can access the Atlas site at: <https://novik12-oakland-public.rubiconatlas.org/Atlas/Public/View/Default>.

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

2018-19 Fall Conferences	2018-19 Spring Conferences	2019-20 Fall Conferences	2019-20 Spring Conferences
100%	98%	100%	School closed due to COVID

The Deerfield staff is committed to creating and maintaining an educational environment that supports academic achievement, upholding district, state and national standards to meet all students' learning needs. We believe that the Deerfield families are an integral part of the education process. It is our goal to continuously improve our performance and meet the educational needs of our young learners.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Julie Bedford, EdS.

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