Byron Elementary

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Byron Area Schools provide impactful learning experiences to empower each student to achieve their highest potential to navigate a dynamic world.

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 Byron 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 Mrs. Johnson for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website **https://www.mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1?Common_Locations=1-S,6039,975,111** 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, had a graduation rate at or below 67%, or failed to exit ATS status in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Byron Elementary was not assigned any of these labels by the State of Michigan.

Byron Elementary continues to work on the improvement of our MTSS system with tier 1 focuses on implementing a new math curriculum while undergoing an ELA curriculum selection process. Our tier 2 systems have strengthened our data review and analysis procedures while using only research

interventions with our students. Our staff continues to work on ways to combat attendance issues with an intense focus on tier 1 district wide initiatives and ways to boost summer learning participation in the areas of math and reading. We have staff members pledging additional time to participate in programs through state grants in LETRS as well as Science of Reading initiatives through 35j grant funding.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Byron Elementary School services all students in grades K-5, who live within the boundaries of the Byron Area School District. The school also accepts Schools of Choice students from other districts following 105c rules.
2. The Byron School Improvement Team has written a school improvement goal focused on improving the Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) of each student. The team continues to analyze student social-emotional growth data and develop strategic plans for accomplishing this goal throughout the district. The plan is reviewed by the team throughout the school year to monitor progress of implementation. The implementation is in year three of its five year plan.
3. It is the philosophy of the Byron Area Schools and the Shiawassee Regional Education Service District to serve each person with special needs in the least restrictive environment. A continuum of education placement options is offered from age 0-26, which provides for mild to severe handicapping conditions, supportive services, and vocational training programs designed to meet the needs of a special needs person. The placement options are provided through cooperative planning by the Byron Area Schools, Shiawassee Regional Education Service District and the Michigan Department of Education, since no district could support a full continuum itself. The Shiawassee Regional Education Service District operates programs and services for the low incidence populations. Likewise, primary impaired programs are center programs and service clusters of districts. For the high incidence of EMI, EI, and LD, each individual district offers those options that best meet their needs. However, by agreement, each district can have placement access to categorical programs operated by another district, if appropriate. In this way, a full continuum is available in an efficient and cost-effective manner regardless of district size. Byron does have students who attend programs within the Shiawassee Regional Education Service District.
4. Curriculum units at Byron Elementary School are aligned with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCE). Assessment of the core curriculum, as well as all other

curricular areas, is an ongoing process with our ELA curriculum selection process underway. We are currently piloting two different ELA curriculums to use for the 25-26 school year that are agreeable to the 35j monies we received for such purchase and training. This year, Bridges Math Curriculum is being implemented under a 3 year plan for grades DK-5th grade.

5. Our school uses the Acadience screening assessment three times per academic year to monitor student's literacy and mathematical progress. We also conduct regular benchmark assessments using NWEA MAP, testing students in Kindergarten through 5th grade in the areas of math and reading three times a year. Students in grades 3rd through 5th also participate in the state M-STEP assessment in the spring.
6. During our annual parent-teacher conferences held in October 2022, our participation rate was 87%. This year our conferences were held in November 2024 and our participation rate jumped to 91% (282/310).

The staff at Byron Elementary continue to provide a solid education to all of our students. Our commitment to work relentlessly in preparing every single student to achieve their highest potential does not waiver despite immense challenges. We are proud of our partnership with our families and our community. We are proud to be Eagles!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stacey Johnson
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