

January 12, 2026

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2024 - 2025 educational progress for Discovery 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 Cassie Pfander (517-655-2855) for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website <https://bit.ly/3Lc2zQb> or you may review a copy in the Discovery office.

For the 2025-26 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 group in 2024-25. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had at least one student group 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%, failed to exit CSI status in 2024-25, 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. Discovery Elementary has not been given one of these labels.

Discovery Elementary has designed and implemented a School Improvement Plan (SIP) with the goal of improving student achievement in reading, math, writing, behavior, social skills, mental health, and grading practices. Details can be found by visiting the school website.

State law also requires that we also report additional information:

1. Discovery Elementary enrolls or assigns students who live in the district and also offers open enrollment for students that live outside of Williamston Community Schools.
2. Discovery Elementary is a public school that serves students in grades young fives through second grade.
3. The School Improvement Plan follows a three-year cycle and details of the plan can be found at [www.gowcs.net](http://www.gowcs.net).

4. The core curriculum at Discovery Elementary has adopted content standards and learning targets that align with State of Michigan Standards. Academic information can be found at [www.gowcs.net](http://www.gowcs.net).
5. The aggregate student achievement results for any local competency tests or nationally normed achievement tests can be found at <https://bit.ly/3Lc2zQb>.
6. The percentage of students represented by parents at parent-teacher conferences for fall conferences in 2025 was 97%.

The dedicated and nurturing staff at Discovery Elementary are committed to excellence in education. Discovery continues to focus on the young learner's unique needs and strives to create a fun, nurturing, and exciting learning environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cassie Pfander". The script is cursive and fluid.

Cassie Pfander, Ed.S

Principal, Discovery Elementary