Community Schools

September 16, 2026

RE: K-5 Literacy Curriculum Notification

Dear Gull Lake Community Schools Families,

In accordance with Michigan law, including the K–5 literacy curriculum notification requirement previously found in Section 164k(e) and now located in Section 22b of the State School Aid Act, Gull Lake Community Schools is providing this notice regarding its K–5 literacy curriculum.

Gull Lake currently uses Wonders Reading as its core K–5 literacy curriculum, supplemented by University of Florida Literacy Institute (UFLI) Foundations. UFLI Foundations is included on MDE's Evidence-Based Tier 1, Class-Wide Elementary Reading Curricula List in the Foundational Skills/Word Recognition category; Wonders Reading is not included on the list. As required by Section 22b, we must communicate that curricula not included on the list are not designated by MDE as "evidence-based or aligned to state standards" through the recommended list process, "which could negatively impact student academic outcomes."

Michigan law and MDE guidance (MDE Memo) do not require districts to select a curriculum from the MDE list. The list is not exhaustive and represents one method for demonstrating alignment.

Gull Lake Community Schools will begin a comprehensive curricular review process this fall to identify and select a new K–5 core literacy curriculum. Implementation of the newly selected curriculum is anticipated to begin in August 2027.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to ensure every Gull Lake student can read, write, and speak with purpose.

Sincerely,

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