



# WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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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 2017-18 educational progress for Williams 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 Mr. Ryan Grimm or Mr. Bryan Playford for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: [www.jonesvilleschools.org](http://www.jonesvilleschools.org), or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2017-18 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 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.

One of the key challenges that impacts Williams Elementary School is finding ways to assist our low achieving students. Over the past four years, our Title I program has been restructured to provide the small group and one on one instruction our students need to master the standards set forth by the State. We use several assessments to identify the strengths and weaknesses and use the data we gain to drive our small group instruction.

The students of Williams Elementary School are district and school of choice students in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. Jonesville Community School District has a regional reputation for being a quality school district. The large number of open-enrolled students within our building speaks volumes of our competent and caring faculty and staff, the facilities provided to our students and the curricular and extra-curricular opportunities we provide.

Our School Improvement Plan was designed for the 2016-17 school year, therefore we are in the second year of the cycle for the 2017-18 school year. Our goals are: All students will be proficient in reading, writing, mathematics, social studies and science; and every student will experience a complete education which encompasses the tenets of the ASCD Whole Child Initiative. Data is collected throughout the year to monitor growth and accomplishments in all areas. Adjustments are made in our professional development presentations, lesson planning and classroom materials to further accomplish these goals. The 2017-18 School year was also our first year of becoming a Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports school. We incorporated Tier I strategies for all students and focused on Comet P.R.I.D.E. (Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dependability and Encouragement). Rubrics and common lessons were developed to help students understand and meet expectations.

The Michigan Department of Education has a recommended academic core curriculum, including benchmarks and standards, for all students. The Williams Elementary School faculty has aligned its core curriculum with the Common Core State Standards in mathematics and language arts, the Michigan Grade Level Content Expectation in social studies and the Next Generation Science Standards in science. Grade level alignment information is available from each classroom teacher. In addition to the core subjects, Music, Art, Physical Education, Library, Literacy and STEM are offered to our students for their enhancements classes.

Williams Elementary School is a public school located in Jonesville and part of the Jonesville Community School District in Hillsdale County. We serve approximately 650 students in grades Kindergarten through 5th. We also have a Great Start Readiness Program housed in our school. Williams Elementary accepts all students in good standing from within the district as well as school of choice students. 48% of our 2016-17 students and 48% of our 2017-18 students were school of choice from outside the Jonesville Community Schools District. Williams Elementary School's student numbers have remained stable, typically falling between 650-700 students per year.

Two Parent-Teacher Conference sessions were scheduled for the 2017-18 school year; one in October and one in March. The attendance at our fall conferences showed 93% of students represented with our spring conferences showing 92% of students represented.

Williams Elementary School will continue pursuing new academic and extra-curricular opportunities to provide our students with a well-rounded educational experience. Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports will continue to be developed and refined to help provide our students with a feeling of connectedness and understanding to what it means to be a COMET! Thank you for choosing Williams Elementary School as your school of choice!

Sincerely,



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