



## Challenger Elementary School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

May 31, 2018

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2016-17 educational progress for Challenger 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 principal David Cherry for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/yHUil4>, or you may review a copy in the Challenger main office.

For the 2016-17 school year, schools were identified using new 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.

Challenger Elementary School has not been given one of these labels.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Howell Public School students have been assigned to schools for the past two years based on their residency. If the school reaches capacity at the student's assigned grade level, the student is assigned to attend the nearest school with availability. Transportation is provided via a transfer bus. The family is given the opportunity to return to the child's home school as seats become available.
2. The School Improvement Plans for Challenger Elementary School may be found on the website at: [howellschools/challenger/aboutus/schoolimprovement](http://howellschools/challenger/aboutus/schoolimprovement)
3. Howell Public Schools has had no specialized schools for the past two years. We do not have a separate alternative education program, and our ELL programming is within our various school buildings.
4. Parents may access the core curriculum at [howellschools.com/academics](http://howellschools.com/academics) and are available on paper by request from the Instructional Services office (Suite A) at the District's Board Offices, 411 N. Highlander Way in Howell. Our implementation model is based on the 5D+ Instructional Framework - a comprehensive, research-based program that focuses on the essential elements of effective

classroom practice. We use the 5D+ Instructional Framework in close alignment with the 5D+ Teacher Evaluation Rubric to ensure successful implementation of high-quality instructional practices in the delivery of our curriculum

5. Data in Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies from the state's M-STEP and MME tests may be found at <https://goo.gl/yHUiL4>, AER Combined Report. In addition, Howell Public Schools assesses students in kindergarten, first and second grades in Reading and Math. We use the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) and NWEA - Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) summary assessments to determine proficiency.
6. Parent-Teacher Conferences are held in the fall and spring. This is an opportunity for parents and teachers to communicate regarding each student's needs.

Percent of Attendance	Fall 2015	Fall 2016
November Parent Teacher Conferences	96%	96%

The Challenger Learning Community is committed to engaging in a journey of continuous improvement. We have a caring and dedicated staff who work in collaboration with students, families and the Howell community to ensure that our quest for excellence and the fulfillment of our mission to our children is priority one. Our Annual Report, which reviews and celebrates the successes of the 2016-2017 school year at Challenger, is available at [Howellschools.com-Challenger-About Us](http://Howellschools.com-Challenger-About Us) .

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding this report or the education programs offered at Challenger Elementary School, please feel free to contact the elementary office at 517-548-6375. The education of our children represents a vital partnership we hold with the families and community members of Howell. We welcome and are grateful for your support as we embrace, educate and empower our students to excellence.

Sincerely,

David Cherry  
Principal