

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2016-2017 education progress for Roberts 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 the building principal for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: <https://goo.gl/Kbw8Ew> or you may review a copy in the principal's office at your child's school.

School Improvement Plan

Roberts Objectives:

- 85% of all students will demonstrate a proficiency in all claim areas in Mathematics by 06/14/2024 as measured by the spring state assessment.
- 85% of all students will demonstrate a proficiency in all claim areas in Reading by 06/14/2024 as measured by the spring state assessment.
- 85% of all students will demonstrate a proficiency in all claim areas in Science by 06/14/2024 as measured by the spring state assessment.
- 85% of all students will demonstrate a proficiency in all claim areas in Social Studies by 06/14/2024 as measured by the spring state assessment.

Roberts Elementary had a successful 2016-2017 school year. Students showed measurable growth in meeting the rigorous goals that staff set for student achievement, based on the School Improvement Plan and our school's objectives.

Roberts Elementary data teams utilized a variety of assessments to analyze data including M-Step, Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) and classroom assessments. Teachers meet on a regular basis with the principal to analyze data and collaborate in planning classroom lessons and MTSS intervention strategies.

Roberts Elementary experienced a slight decline overall in our student growth from the 2015-2016 school year to the 2016-2017 school year on our state assessments. At fifth grade, however, there was an increase even among our subgroup populations. The achievement gap in reading and mathematics comparing our English Learners to the rest of the population continues to be a focus of ours. Strategies in our school improvement plan address these areas of need for our English Learner population. These strategies include guided reading, engaging students in content specific academic vocabulary, the use of Close and Critical reading strategies during daily instruction and the incorporation of web-based software to personalize the learning for each student. From our school's data dialogues, teachers differentiate their small group instruction more intentionally to best meet the needs of all of our students.

Student Enrollment

Students attend Roberts Elementary based on the attendance area serviced within our school boundary. A number of Utica Community Schools' students in other attendance areas enroll in our school based on the district's open enrollment process and nonresident students may attend through the Schools of Choice program.

Points of Pride

Our school continues to celebrate success in a number of key ways. Below are some of our Points of Pride:

- Roberts Elementary is a Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School.
- Roberts provides students extended learning opportunities including Science Olympiad and Girls on the Run. The Science Olympiad Team successfully brought home a third place trophy from County competition.
- Roberts Elementary has a highly successful Chess Club. Many of our participating students perform extremely well at a district competition.
- Roberts hosts successful Title I family nights for parents and students.
- Roberts in partnership with a community agency (CARE) provided a "Parenting the School-aged Child" series for our parents with a successful turnout.
- Roberts and all UCS schools are named among the best communities for music education in the United States.

Specialty Programs

All students have the opportunity to have equitable access to Specialty Programs through an open and accessible process. Please see Polity 6275 posted on www.uticak12.org under the Board of Education tab for further information.

Utica Academy for International Studies

Utica Academy for International Studies is a four-year, full-immersion specialty program designed for all students to have the opportunity to earn the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in addition to their state of Michigan high school diploma. Classes in 9th and 10th grade prepare students for the rigors of the IB classes that begin at the start of junior year, where all students are required to register for seven IB courses, complete the 4,000-word Extended Essay on a topic of their choice, and complete at least 150 hours of creativity, activity and service hours. This rigorous and internationally minded curriculum encourages students to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who value intercultural understanding and respect for others.

Utica Center for Math, Science and Technology

The Utica Center for Mathematics, Science and Technology is designed to bring advanced students with special talents and interests together with leading-edge technology. The Center utilizes an advanced curriculum for grades 9-12 which serves to inspire, challenge, and prepare students to pursue careers in mathematics and science. The Center follows the Utica tradition of providing the finest instruction and innovation.

Utica Center for Science and Industry

The Center for Science and Industry is a half day shared time program that provides 9th through 12th grade students with a variety of cutting-edge Career and Technology Education taught in an integrated manner. Along with core math and English classes, students select from electives, which will support one of three career strands: 1) Engineering and Technology, 2) Mechatronics, or 3) Multi-Media Technology. The CSI is project based and provides students with a wide array of experiences with professionals from business and industrial partners.

Core Curriculum

All the schools in Utica Community Schools offer students a comprehensive and rigorous academic program that meets and exceeds all state and federal standards. Our schools follow the Michigan Academic Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics and are transitioning to the Michigan Science Standards. All other content areas continue to follow the Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCE). These standards can be accessed at www.michigan.gov/mde under the Career and College Ready tab – Graduation Requirements and Standards – Standards. The district’s vision and mission statements can be accessed at www.uticak12.org.

District Assessments

Utica Community Schools not only looks at state assessments but we also monitor the progress of our students through the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA). NWEA is used to monitor and assess students in English Language Arts and mathematics using computer adaptive testing. NWEA aggregate student achievement can be requested from the school.

Parent/Teacher Conference Attendance

Number: 507

Percentage: 99%

State of Michigan Rankings

For the 2016-2017 school year, schools were identified using new definitions and labels as required in 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. Our school has not been given one of these labels.

We are pleased to provide this annual education report to our school community. The information that is contained in this report demonstrates our continued efforts to ensure every student achieves in our school. This report, however, only tells a small part of our success story. Every day our staff is continually finding new ways to enhance teaching and learning and engage our students in their education. We invite you to continue to be active participants in your child's education by volunteering in the classrooms, serving on our parent groups, and working closely at home with your students on their assignments.

Roberts Elementary is fortunate to be serviced by a community that cares so deeply about education. Thank you again for your continued support of our students and the Utica Community Schools.

Sincerely,

Patrick Zott
Principal