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## Knudsen Elementary 2014-2015 School Annual Education Report

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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 2014-2015 educational progress for Knudsen 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 Laura Smith for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: <https://www.mischooldata.org/NewAer/Default.aspx>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

We have increased interventions for our lowest achieving students with increased time on task, increased teaching of vocabulary and academic language, improved core instruction, and improved interventions. As a school, we have focused on student engagement, guided reading, close reading strategies, math problem solving, and math talk. The Knudsen staff continuously tracks achievement data of our students and makes instructional adjustments as needed. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

### **PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL:**

Students are assigned to their elementary, middle and high school buildings based upon established geographical boundaries at each level. Students from outside of the district are admitted through a School of Choice process in kindergarten and are placed at buildings based upon space available.

### **THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:**

Knudsen Elementary School continues to focus on the following school improvement goals:

**Reading Goal:** All students will improve proficiency in reading at Knudsen Elementary School.

**Writing Goal:** All students will improve proficiency in writing at Knudsen Elementary School.

**Math Goal:** All students will improve proficiency in mathematics problem solving at Knudsen Elementary School.

**A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL:**

Kingsley Montgomery School (KMS), formerly known as Montgomery Developmental Training Center, is a segregated special education facility that provides support for severe cognitive impaired (SCI), severe multiply impaired (SXI), post-secondary cognitive impaired (MoCI), and severe emotionally impaired (SEI) students.

Children's Village School is a facility owned by Oakland County and operated by the Waterford School District. The school serves children in grades K-12 who have been adjudicated via the Probate Court for delinquency, neglect, truancy at home/school, or incorrigibility at home/school. These students come from all 28 school districts in Oakland County, other counties within the State of Michigan and also some out-of-State students.

**The core curriculum can be assessed through the district website at**

***www.waterford.k12.mi.us/curriculum/contact.htm*. It was implemented in alignment with the State of Michigan which has a comprehensive curriculum for all grade levels. There are no variances from the state's model.**

**THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS:**

**Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-Step)**

<b>School Year</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>
<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>ELA: 45.76%</b> <b>Math: 23.73%</b>	<b>ELA: 25.29%</b> <b>Math: 17.24%</b> <b>Science: 4.6%</b>	<b>ELA: 34.52%</b> <b>Math: 21.43%</b> <b>Social Studies: 10.71%</b>

This was the first year our students took this on-line test. Our staff has worked with them on test taking skills and approaching challenges with perseverance and a growth mindset. We expect to see improvement this year.

**IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS:**

Knudsen teachers conferred with parents representing 100% of students at Knudsen one or more times during 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years.

*"Inspire, educate, and empower our students for their future!"*

We are proud of the progress and accomplishments of Knudsen students! Knudsen is a great place for children to grow and learn! We have high standards for student achievement while supporting growth and development of the whole child. Although we face many challenges to move our most at-risk population in line with the rest of our students, we are confident that we offer the best education and every staff member is committed to student growth and learning for all.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Smith, Principal  
Knudsen Elementary