



Platte River Elementary

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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 2015-16 educational progress for the Platte River 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 Steve Graetz for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.benzieschools.net , or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

To address student needs, Benzie Central Elementaries, including Platte River Elementary, have adopted the Math Expressions series by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Teachers invested professional development time to learn this new series and its applications. Students are being taught conceptual math knowledge - WHY and not just the procedural knowledge or HOW. Increased Intervention Strategies in reading are helping us to address individual needs.

Platte River students scored above the state average in 4th Grade ELA, 5th Grade ELA, 3rd Grade Math, and 5th Grade Math. All 3rd-5th Grade students are assessed in those two academic areas. Additionally, 4th grade students are assessed in Science and 5th grade students in Social Studies, where Platte River students outperformed the State average as well.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Students who live within the designated school boundaries are able to attend Platte River Elementary School. Additionally, parents may complete forms for In-District Schools of Choice if they reside within the Benzie County Central School district boundaries. For families who are not residents of Benzie County Central Schools, they may apply for Out of District Schools of Choice. Please contact Mr. Steve Graetz, Principal, for assistance.
2. Platte River Elementary has developed a School Improvement Plan and is at various stages in the implementation of strategies and activities. These results could not have been accomplished without each staff member's dedication to ensure student success.



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3. Curriculum is developed and implemented based on the Michigan State Standards. For a copy of the core curriculum, go to www.benzieschools.net or request a copy from the Platte River Elementary office.

4. Platte River conducts Parent/Teacher conferences in the fall and spring. In the fall of 2016, 89% of the student's parents were in attendance. Spring conferences are scheduled as needed.

The administrative and professional staff at Platte River Elementary School would like to express our gratitude to you for continuing to be an active participant in your child's education. We congratulate our students for their hard work and dedication towards academic excellence.

Sincerely,

Steve Graetz, Principal
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Benzie Central Schools