

# West Bloomfield School District

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**WEST BLOOMFIELD  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Educating Students to be their  
Best IN and FOR the World!*

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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 2012-2013 educational progress for Doherty Elementary School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by Federal and State laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and teacher quality. Please note that this report reflects the K-5 configuration of the 2012-13 school year, and will look considerably different at this time next year, since we will be serving only K-2 students beginning in 2013-14. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Robin Kocher, principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://www.westbloomfield.k12.mi.us/doherty/> or you may review a copy from the principal's office at your child's school.

The state has identified some schools with the status of Reward, Focus or Priority. A Reward school is one that is outperforming other schools in achievement, growth, or is performing better than other schools with a similar student population. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap in 30% of its student achievement scores. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. Our school has not been given one of these labels.

Additional Information:

- Students in the West Bloomfield District are assigned to schools geographically, however parents are permitted to request placement at other schools within the district as space allows.
- Doherty's school improvement plan was developed by staff, students and parents, as well as reviewing achievement data from local and state assessments. Doherty's 2012-2013 school improvement goals included:
  - **Continuous School Improvement Goals Doherty Elementary School**
    - All students will improve in Reading
    - All students will improve in Writing
    - All students will improve in Math
- The core curriculum is aligned to the Common Core State Standards and can be reviewed by parents at their local school. Each principal has a hard copy in the main office of the school and teachers have the current and appropriate curriculum and pacing charts available for review. Copies of the curriculum may also be found at the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. Pacing guides accompany the curriculum and describe the implementation process and timelines.

Parent-Teacher Conferences	Number of students Represented	Percent of students represented
2012-2013	498	98%

As a part of the West Bloomfield School District, the Doherty Staff provides instruction based on state-established standards that are embedded in the district curriculum. In addition to district resources, Doherty is able to provide supplementary programs with the help of our Parent Teacher Organization.

We are proud of what we do *every* day for *every* child at Doherty Elementary.

Sincerely,  
Robin Kocher  
Principal