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Janet Greif
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Dear Kolb Elementary Parent,

Your child is a student at Kolb Elementary School. You know that your child is important to us and that we want to provide every opportunity for success. In past years, each school in Michigan was required to test students every year using the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (MSTEP). The results of these tests, as well as participation on the tests were used to determine whether our school has been meeting Michigan School Proficiency Targets and where it ranked in a "Top to Bottom" list of schools and their performance. As a result of this ranking in a "Top to Bottom" list of schools and their performance, a low achieving school was identified as a Priority or Focus School. Focus Schools are those with the largest achievement gaps defined as the difference between the average scale score for the top 30 percent of students and the bottom 30 percent of students. For the 2016-17 school year, Kolb Elementary, continues to be identified as a Focus School because of the size of the gap in achievement between the highest performing and the lowest performing student in the school as determined by the Michigan Department of Education in 2015.

In order to address this problem Kolb Elementary is implementing a School Improvement plan that:

- Established and continues to implement a MTSS (multi-tiered system of supports) for all students that are not meeting grade level expectations. Assessments are used to collect data regarding student progress, teachers analyze data and design appropriate interventions for students based on their own unique needs
- Participates in the Superintendent's Dropout Challenge to assist students at-risk of dropping out of school
- Implements professional learning on research-based interventions aligned to building needs and assessments
- Provides teachers with time to collaborate on data, lesson planning, new teaching strategies and instruction for their professional growth and implementation in the classroom
- Continue to use strategies from Great Expectations that provide a positive, enthusiastic well-structured building in which students and staff are comfortable, and safe to learn
- The district will provide content coaches to the building to work with teachers collaboratively on the implementation of best practices in the classroom.

To discuss this information further, please call Michelle Montgomery at 989.893.9518 and I will be happy to help you.

Sincerely,

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