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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 2023-24 educational progress for Belmont Elementary School. 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 Rachel DeKuiper, principal at Belmont Elementary School, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following link: [Belmont Elementary School's Academic Educational Report](#), or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2024-25 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2023-24. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state in 2021-22. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. Belmont Elementary School was not given a label.

We are proud to share that Belmont continues to excel academically. This fall, we adopted the Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) curriculum to ensure consistent, high-quality literacy instruction for all students. To support students needing additional help, we provide targeted reading interventions four to five days a week, focusing on foundational skills. Additionally, our teachers collaborate in professional learning communities to analyze student data, plan differentiated instruction, and implement tiered support strategies, ensuring every student grows in these core content areas. In math, our teachers are utilizing "flex groups" weekly to both intervene and extend learning for our elementary mathematicians.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. Students are enrolled into Rockford Public Schools via a centralized, online enrollment system. Upon enrollment, students are placed into the appropriate building based on their home address, and then placed into the appropriate grade level and classroom based on previous placement, test scores and team discussion.

2. All elementary and secondary schools in RPS participate in strategic planning and goal setting. The primary purpose of the planning is to increase student learning for every student. The [RPS MICIP Plan](#) provides initiative focus for each building and the goals also align with priorities identified in the [RAMS XII Strategic Plan](#). Named FAST Goals, the building progress monitors evidence towards meeting benchmarks three times per year.
3. Belmont Elementary School fosters academic growth, creativity and community for the Rockford Public Schools students in Kindergarten through Fifth grades.
4. If you would like to access a copy of the core curriculum, a description of its implementation and explanation of the variances from the state's model, please contact Rachel DeKuiper, Belmont Elementary School principal.
5. Belmont Elementary School national percentile achievement results on Fall NWEA benchmark assessments for 2023 and 2024 are as follows:
 - Fall 2023 - NWEA Math 76%, NWEA Reading 87%
 - Fall 2024 - NWEA Math 80%, NWEA Reading 93%
6. The parent/guardian teacher conference attendance percentage for the previous two school years at Belmont Elementary School are listed below:
 - 2022-2023 - 95%
 - 2023-2024 - 97%

Belmont Elementary makes a significant positive impact on the Rockford School Community. Increasingly, the student learning focused initiatives, including aligning with the Professional Learning Communities and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support beliefs and structure continue to shape a student learning trend that is increasing. Belmont Elementary is proud to partner with its families and together prepare students for their next steps in life.

Sincerely,



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