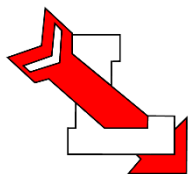


# LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

---

300 High Street  
Lowell, Michigan 49331

Phone: 616.987.2500  
Fax: 616.987.2511  
www.lowellschools.com



## Central Administration

**Nate Fowler**  
Superintendent

**Dustin Cichocki**  
Director of Human Resources

**Dan VanderMeulen**  
Director of Curriculum

**Sonia Hodge**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Liz McCall**  
Director of Special Education

## Board of Education

**Brian Krajewski**  
President

**Laurie Kuna**  
Vice-President

**Pat Nugent**  
Secretary

**Jennifer Dougherty**  
Treasurer

**Jared Blough**  
Trustee

**Jessica Curtis**  
Trustee

**Annie Whitlock**  
Trustee

February 1, 2025

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2023-2024 educational progress for the Lowell Area District and our schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Nate Fowler, Superintendent for help if you need assistance.

The District AER is available for you to review electronically by clicking [here](#). You may also review the report by visiting the Lowell Area Schools website at [www.lowellschools.com](http://www.lowellschools.com) (click on Our District, Annual Notification) or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. Each school will also be communicating their own AER to parents directly.

These reports contain the following information:

### Student Assessment Data

- Includes the following three assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Education Progress), MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT
- Presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and MI-Access science for grades 4, 7, and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students

### School Accountability Data

- Includes information on schools' performance on various measures such as student proficiency and growth on state assessments, graduation, and attendance rates. Performance is measured on 0-100 index scales
- Reports schools identified under three federally required categories for further support: Comprehensive Support and Improvement, Targeted Support and Improvement, and Additional Targeted Support

### Educator Qualification Data

- Identifies the number and percentage of inexperienced teachers, principals, and other school leaders
- Reports teachers who are teaching with emergency or provisional credentials
- Includes teacher who are not teaching in the subject or field for which they are certified

### NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

- Provides state results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8

### Civil Rights Data

- Provides information on school quality, climate, and safety

**We Value Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship**

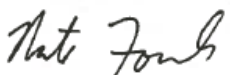
Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2024-25 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming 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%, or failed to exit ATS status in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no status label is given.

School Name	Status Label	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement
Alto Elementary	No Label	
Bushnell Elementary	No Label	
Cherry Creek Elementary	No Label	
Lowell High School	No Label	
Lowell Middle School	No Label	
Murray Lake Elementary	No Label	
Unity High School	No Label	

On behalf of the Lowell Area Schools, I am proud of the work of our staff and their tireless dedication to provide individualized education, targeted interventions, specialized programs, and advanced course work to our students. Their work is evident in our student test scores; however, the district remains committed to the students who have not achieved mastery of the essential content and skills necessary to their success. Through professional development, infusion of the latest technology in the classroom, and a desire to provide the very best instruction, Lowell Area Schools will continue to improve and deliver an excellent and prosperous educational experience to all students. We proudly work toward these goals with our district motto in mind:

*Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow, Red Arrows for Life.*

Sincerely,



Nate Fowler  
Superintendent