

# Napoleon Community Schools

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

Ezra Eby Elementary School is rural school found in Southeast Jackson County and has students ranging from Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The staff of Ezra Eby Elementary provides excellent instruction for general and special education students in each of these grades. Each dedicated, professional staff person is highly qualified for their teaching assignment and determined to give every child the best education possible.

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2015-2016 educational progress for Ezra Eby 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 Michel McGonegal for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the Ezra Eby Elementary page at <http://napoleonschools.org/ezra-eby-annual-report-information/>.

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 been identified as a Focus School. Our primary challenge has been to address the gap between those students showing the greatest amount of success and those who are not. There is no easy answer for this issue and we are pursuing multiple ways to deal with it. We have taken our data and identified those kids needing additional support and have adjusted our program to give that necessary assistance. This has included adding additional or increased paraprofessional assistance, an MTSS program we call WIN Time, additional teacher support, and an after school program option. Additionally, we are constantly evaluating our areas of weakness and have identified those areas of primary concern so that we can make changes to promote growth and increased achievement. Additionally, Ezra Eby Elementary School's school improvement goals are in progress being monitored, reviewed and updated to support all student achievement in the areas of Reading, Writing and Math. Our curriculum is reviewed yearly and is kept on file in the principal's office and is available to the community.

In spite of the Focus School designation, we would like to remind everyone, however, that we continue to have some of the best assessment scores in the county and that we will parlay our efforts maintaining those scores into our efforts to close our gap.

One thing we are very proud of is that we have such supportive families who join our educators in helping Eby students grow and develop. Our conference attendance percentages:

	<b>13/14</b>	<b>14/15</b>
<b>Fall</b>	98%	98%
<b>Spring</b>	86%	86%

have been fantastic and our families fill the building at our many events and programs. For new families, we want you to know that all incoming students complete an enrollment process that includes records from the student's previous school, discussion of student achievement test scores, report cards, Individual Education Plans and Title 1 Programs. School of Choice students are accepted after interviewing with the school administrator.

We would like to thank all Ezra Eby families for their support of our staff and students. You all play a part in making our school what it is. We would not be able to accomplish the things that we do without your time, concern, and efforts. Go Green, Go White, GO PIRATES!

Sincerely,

Michel McGonegal  
Principal