

# Michigan Business Leaders for Education Excellence Add Birmingham Schools to PASS Recognition

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The Michigan Business Leaders for Education Excellence (MBLEE) announced the addition today of Birmingham schools to the Profile of Achievement and School Success (PASS) report originally released May 23, 2002. MBLEE is a program of the Michigan Chamber Foundation.

The Birmingham schools recognized were:

Elementary	Middle
Beverly Elementary School	Berkshire Middle School
Bingham Farms Elementary School	Birmingham Covington School
Birmingham Covington School	Derby Middle School
Greenfield Elementary School	
Harlan Elementary School	
Pierce Elementary School	
Quarton Elementary School	
West Maple Elementary School	

The Birmingham schools were originally reported as exempt schools due to the absence of the district's MEAP data. Test scores have since been released and verified by the Center for Education Performance and Information (CEPI).

PASS identifies elementary and middle schools where 75 percent or more of the students scored at the proficient level or better over the last two years on all areas of the MEAP test, excluding social studies. The full report is available at <http://www.michamber.com/> under "Education Reform K-12."

PASS was developed to publicly recognize those schools that successfully achieved high academic performance by consistently meeting or exceeding state standards. PASS was also created as an alternative to the absence of a state accreditation system to inform the public, parent and business community of local school performance.

PASS data was compiled by Dr. Michael Williamson, former Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Michigan Department of Education.

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