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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 2017-18 educational progress for the Midland Public 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 Penny Miller-Nelson, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment at MillerPM@midlandps.org or 989-923-5081 for help if you need assistance.

The Midland Public Schools AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: http://bit.ly/2VLTGgX 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 Educational 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. The report helps users to understand achievement performance within grades and schools, and to make comparisons to district, state, and national achievement benchmarks.

**Accountability – Detail Data and Status**
The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability index values showing school performance on a 0-100 scale.

**Teacher 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 teachers 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

Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2017-18 school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has three or more underperforming student subgroups. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no status label is given.

* Note TSI and ATS definitions were changed for the 2018-19 school year per federal requirements. The new definitions are:

TSI – The school has at least one subgroup performing in the bottom 25% within each applicable accountability index component.

ATS – The school has met the criteria for TSI identification and has at least one subgroup performing at the same level as a CSI school.

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Midland Public Schools’ students have a long history of academic success. It is my pleasure to report this historical trend continued during the 2017-2018 school year. Our students are to be commended for the passion and excitement they bring to the classroom and congratulated for their continued high academic achievement. We all realize students do not achieve these great accomplishments without the large and varied team who work incredibly hard to bring about student success including parents, community and an extremely dedicated teaching, administrative, and support staff.

Points of pride this year include:

- 2018 11th grade students’ SAT scores put MPS in the top 3% of all districts in Michigan
- MPS ranked #14 out of more than 550 school districts in the State of Michigan in Niche’s 2019 Best Schools in America rankings.
- 2018 IB Diploma results: 178 students took 368 IB exams in 20 subject areas
  - 91% received a score of 4 or higher
- 2018 AP results: 241 students took 431 AP exams in 25 subject areas
  - 86% received a score of 3 or higher
- The International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme is flourishing in all six elementary schools, and there are many IB learning opportunities available at both high schools including the full Diploma Programme.
- There are rigorous STEM learning experiences available at each MPS school and accessible to all learners.

To sustain elite marks within summative state accountability metrics, continued progress is needed to bolster proficiency scores in core subjects amongst the bottom 30% of academic student populace. We are actively working to improve educational outcomes by aligning programs and services to meet individual student needs from a whole child perspective. This includes attending to the social-emotional, physical, and overall health and safety needs to ensure wellbeing and academic success.

Our schools have developed comprehensive school improvement plans that address academic goals, strategies and interventions in order to meet all academic improvement targets. Parents and community members are encouraged to volunteer in many different ways in our buildings, from reading with elementary children to helping with projects to monitoring in hallways in the secondary buildings. We look forward to an exciting future as we work together to provide our students with a dynamic world-class education as they seek to gain the skills and education necessary to be successful in the ever-changing 21st Century workplace.

Educationally yours,

Michael E. Sharrow
Superintendent