



DISTRICT ANNUAL EDUCATION REPORT (AER) COVER LETTER

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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 WAY Academy 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 Madeline Black for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://bit.ly/2lnwSAM> 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.

School Name	Status Label	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement
Southwest Campus	CSI	ALEKS Math Intervention Method Test Prep Continued administration and data analysis of Performance Series Assessments administered three times per year. Project Based Learning
West Campus	CSI	

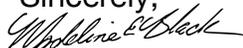
It is an exciting time to be a part of WAY Academy. Not only did our highly trained and caring staff successfully double the number of graduating students last year, we have created new initiatives and programs aimed at eliminating gaps in student achievement.

Another exciting development is the opening of our new school WAY Academy East. WAY East has a unique focus on the STEAM components of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art Design and, Math. Enrolled students are exposed to the skilled trades of automotive, machining, woodworking, welding, and transportation design—in addition to the Michigan merit curriculum.

As you likely know, WAY Academy has a high population of students who have experienced failure in traditional schools. However, our mission remains the same to “Make Every Young Person A HERO.” We continue to educate all students no matter where they are in their educational journey. Our staff never gives up on students and their ability to achieve. We have a lot of good work ahead of as we continue to address the challenges identified in our AER report.

As always, we are immensely thankful to the families and community members who work alongside us to achieve our goals.

Sincerely,



Madeline Black

Interim Superintendent