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## **District Annual Education Report**

May 4, 2018

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2016-17 educational progress for Muskegon Public Schools 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 Justin Jennings for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [MI School Data](#), 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 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 teacher qualifications at district and school levels
- Reports percentage of core academic classes taught by teachers not considered highly qualified to teach such classes

### **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

Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2016-17 school year, schools were identified using new 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. 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
MCEC	CSI	Reading, Math, Graduation Rate

Muskegon Public Schools scholars and staff are top notch in the state of Michigan. We have a proud and active alumni that are spreads across the country. The district proudly embraces the continuous improvement model for staff and scholars, and the district has identified specific goals at both district and building levels. MPS is actively implementing a K-12 "multi-tiered system of support" for students at risk of failure. Our schools are equipped with Instructional Coaches for curriculum support, Youth Safety Advocates and Dean of Students for "Response to Intervention" Support these individuals work closely with building administration to support struggling students and for instructional support.

The MPS Board of Education supports active parent involvement in our schools, currently working to improve transparency and communication with all constituents in our community. The Board understands that parents play a central role in the education of our children. Parent involvement plays a vital part in our scholars educational process, we encourage our parents to maintain frequent contact with their scholar's teacher, to attend open houses, plays, athletic contest, parent/teacher/scholar conferences and other school events.

If you have questions about the Annual Report should contact my office. If I can be of assistance to you please call or email me, remember the second Wednesday of every month I host Coffee with the Superintendent at 9:00 am and Ice Tea with the Superintendent same day at 5:30 pm. Please check our website for details.

Sincerely,

Justin M. Jennings, Ed.S  
Superintendent