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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 2015-16 educational progress for the West Ottawa Public School District 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 Jeri Page, Associate Superintendent of Instruction and Student Services for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.westottawa.net/annual-reports/ 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. Present 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 Scorecard – Detail Data and Status

The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability scorecard status.

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

Preparing Students to be College, Career and Life Ready!

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 year, no new Priority or Focus schools were named and Woodside was removed from the Focus School list because they met the exit criteria. New Reward schools were identified using school rankings and Beating the Odds information. A Reward school is one that has achieved one or more of the following distinctions: top 5% of schools on the Top-to-Bottom School Rankings, top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement (improvement metric), or "Beating the Odds" by outperforming the school's predicted ranking and/or similar schools. 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
Great Lakes Elementary		Professional Learning Community
Lakeshore Elementary		Professional Learning Community
Lakewood Elementary	Reward	Professional Learning Curriculum
North Holland Elementary	Reward	Professional Learning Community
Pine Creek Elementary		Professional Learning Community
Sheldon Woods Elementary		Professional Learning Community
Waukazoo Elementary	Reward	Professional Learning Community
Woodside Elementary		Professional Learning Community
Harbor Lights Middle School		Professional Learning Community
Macatawa Bay Middle School		Professional Learning Community
West Ottawa High School		Professional Learning Community
Dunes Alternative High School		Professional Learning Community

We are committed to providing a quality education for all of our students. Working together as a professional learning community, we work diligently to meet the needs of all students everyday. We continue to focus on preparing our students to be College, Career, and Life Ready.

West Ottawa Public Schools is appreciative of the continued support of our parents, community, and staff in this effort. If you would like to become more involved in your child's education by becoming an active member of the WOPS community, please contact your building principal or call volunteer services at 786-2062.

Sincerely,



Thomas K. Martin
Superintendent of Schools