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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 2021-22 educational progress for Waverly Middle School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Principal Mike Moreno for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website <https://bit.ly/39Oq2Sb>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2021-22 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2021-22.

Our school was identified as a Targeted Support and Improvement school. During the 2021-22 School year Waverly Middle School transitioned from using NWEA to Fastbridge as a student progress screener. We also utilize MSTEP and PSAT as nationally normed achievement tests. The subgroups of African American and Economically Disadvantaged scored within the bottom 25% of peers for the MSTEP and PSAT tests.

Our TSI plan and school improvement efforts will focus on specific strategies that will help each of our students achieve success in each of the core academic areas and specifically in math, reading, and the writing curriculum. Our plan will set a timeline, apply progress monitoring measures, determine success criteria and establish a process for decision making to get all the subgroups on-track.

Waverly Middle School students are drawn from our identified boundary area of the Waverly Community School District. We also accept students through tuition and School of Choice.

The Waverly Middle School team is a caring, dynamic community of educators who joyfully celebrate teaching and learning. We have approximately 500 students housing 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. All learners feel protected, safe, respected, understood, valued, and loved. We support everyone with dignity and care and stress the unique worth of each individual and the acceptance and appreciation of differences. We emphasize cooperation, building good character, and a commitment toward the larger community.

There are many extra-curricular opportunities for Waverly Middle School students. We have band and choir programs that students are able to participate in throughout the school year. In addition, after school activities include Sports- Cross Country, Football, Basketball, Wrestling and Track. There are also opportunities in Modern Band, Robotics, Quiz Bowl, Cheer and SAGA Clubs. Students are also actively involved in the school community by participating in Student Council, and we had over 150 students qualify for the National Junior Honor Society.

At Waverly Middle School, everyone is a teacher, and everyone is a learner. We build on the strengths of every individual by using a variety of teaching methods and styles. We encourage everyone to develop and explore their talents and abilities to their fullest potential. We are committed to helping each learner develop thinking processes and lifelong learning skills. We work with each other in flexible, changing groupings that encourage new and different insights, while maintaining a high degree of continuity and care.

We provide an integrated curriculum, which meets the developmental needs of all students. Basic skills are tied to personal learning needs and goals are made meaningful through integrated instruction. We balance independent thinking and self-evaluation, with sensitivity to the needs of self and others through active, purposeful exploration of the sciences, literature, problem-solving and computational skills, communication skills, creative arts, physical skills, and the use of technology.

Approximately 80% of our parents attend parent teacher conferences each year. We welcome parent volunteers both during the day and after school for activities. We also have a very active Parent/Teacher Council. This parent organization sponsors student and evening family events, and many activities designed to support our students and parents throughout the school year. Every child that walks through the doors of Waverly Middle School is supported to reach their personal best. We are very proud of our school!

Waverly Middle School's grade level curriculum is based on the state core curriculum and follows Michigan State Standards. Every teacher in our school works together to write a common curriculum which gives consistency to the delivery of our curriculum. For access to specific materials or curricula, please contact Director of Teaching and Learning Chris Huff at 517-319-3030.

At Waverly Middle School, all students will receive a quality education rooted in excellence. The staff and administration believe in each student's intrinsic worth and care about each individual student. I would like to congratulate and thank our students, staff and parents for their continued hard work and support of our efforts.

Sincerely,

Mike Moreno  
Principal