



West Ottawa Public Schools

Preparing students to be College, Career and Life Ready!

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Dear Parents and Community Members of Macatawa Bay Middle School:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2011-2012 educational progress for the **Macatawa Bay 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 Fine for assistance. The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://www.westottawa.net/annual-reports/> or you may review a copy at the office of Macatawa Bay Middle School.

The state has identified some schools with the status of Reward, Focus or Priority. A Reward school is one that is outperforming other schools in achievement, growth, or is performing better than other schools with a similar student population. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap in 30% of its student achievement scores. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state.

Our school has been identified as a Focus School. Macatawa Bay is committed to the academic success of all students. The faculty and administration of Macatawa Bay hold regularly scheduled professional dialogue meetings to discuss the following areas in conjunction with our building school improvement plan:

- analyzing achievement data of all students and each student sub-group
- facilitating professional dialogue on improving instructional strategies
- customizing interventions for students not meeting grade level content expectations

Macatawa Bay reports quarterly to the West Ottawa Board of Education on our progress in minimizing the achievement gap between the top 30% and the lowest 30% of the students in our building

State law requires that we also report additional information about our school. The attached report will provide you with the following additional information about our school and our achievements:

- Information about our school, including the process for assigning students to our school, and a description of the specialized programs that we have available for students at our school
- Our 3-5 year school improvement goals in the core content areas, and our progress to date in meeting the goals.
- A description of our core curriculum, how and how it is being implemented, as well as how you can access a copy of the core curriculum for review.
- Aggregate student achievement results for local assessments required by law and nationally normed achievement tests administered within the district
- Parent participation in parent-teacher conferences, and community involvement in our school.

PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Students are assigned to Macatawa Bay Middle School based upon elementary attendance areas. The elementary attendance areas are based upon geographical location established by the Board of Education. Parents may choose to request their child be placed in another school within the District, a "school of choice". All West Ottawa students are eligible to apply for school of choice consideration.

THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Macatawa Bay's School Improvement Plan is developed and implemented by instructional staff working collaboratively to develop goals and action steps to improve student achievement. The Macatawa Bay School Improvement plan is aligned to the District School Improvement Plan. An integral part of our school improvement effort is providing students with more instructional options and opportunities for success. S.M.A.R.T. goals (strategic/specific, measureable, achievable, results-oriented, time-bound) are developed in each core content area, along with a specific action plan and monitoring plan to meet those goals. The main focus of the goals and plan is on improving student achievement and meeting the varied needs of all children.

Please visit the school website at www.westottawa.net/schools/ under the Parent Resources and Information section for more detailed information about the Macatawa Bay School Improvement Plan.

IDENTIFY HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE'S MODEL

A copy of the core curriculum is available on the district website at www.westottawa.net by selecting Curriculum within the Academic drop down menu. Core curriculum documents can also be located at Michigan Department of Education. At the present time, ELA and Mathematics have implemented the new Common Core standards and are no longer using the Grade Level Content Expectations. Common Core curriculum standards for ELA and Math can be located at <http://www.corestandards.org/>. Core curriculum is implemented daily through the use of research based instructional materials and strategies.

THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

2012-2013 ACT Explore – 8th Grade

College Readiness Standards Range	English	Math	Reading	Science
	Benchmark = 13	Benchmark = 17	Benchmark = 15	Benchmark = 20
	Local % / National %			
1 → 12	31 / 28	13 / 14	26 / 30	4 / 9
13 → 15	26 / 27	37 / 31	35 / 29	24 / 24
16 → 19	28 / 26	35 / 42	23 / 26	47 / 48
20 → 23	11 / 14	10 / 9	8 / 10	17 / 14
24 → 25	4 / 4	5 / 4	8 / 4	7 / 4
% At or Above Benchmark	69 / 72	40 / 41	52 / 50	24 / 19

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24 → 25	5 / 4	3 / 4	3 / 4	4 / 4
% At or Above Benchmark	67 / 72	28 / 41	50 / 50	22 / 19

IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

	Fall Parent Conference Attendance			
	2012-2013		2011-2012	
	#	%	#	%
Grade 6	189/228	83	198/257	77
Grade 7	196/261	75	162/234	69
Grade 8	154/237	65	165/250	66
Building Enrollment	537/726	74	527/741	77

In closing, the staff at Macatawa Bay Middle School is committed to the academic success of each student. Our vision is *“In a safe, supportive learning environment, Macatawa Bay empowers students to develop the skills, knowledge and compassion to succeed in our local and global communities.”* We strived to have all of our students “College, Career and Life Ready!” Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Michael Fine, Principal
Macatawa Bay Middle School