



**SAUGATUCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DISTRICT
2017-2018 Annual Education Report (AER)**

April 12, 2019

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 the Saugatuck Public 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 Dr. Tim Travis 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/2IuhuCH> 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.

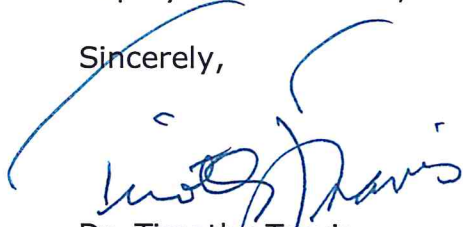
School Name	Status Label	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement
Douglas Elementary	NONE	NA
Saugatuck Middle School	NONE	NA
Saugatuck High School	NONE	NA

Students across all grade levels at Saugatuck Public Schools continued to achieve at high levels ; demonstrate strong academic growth in 2017-2018. In fact, Saugatuck Public Schools was recognized for having the highest rate of growth from third to eighth grade in the state of Michigan in 2016-2017.

I would like to thank our principals, faculty and support staff for their hard work, caring and commitment to making a difference for our students every day. I would also like to express my appreciation to our parents and community partners for supporting our students and schools.

Moving forward, our district school improvement efforts will focus on fostering critical, creative a conscious thinking in our students. Specific initiatives underway include project based learning, inquiry based science, literacy and engaging mathematics instruction.

Sincerely,



Dr. Timothy Travis,
Superintendent
Saugatuck Public Schools

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