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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 2015-2016 educational progress for Mackinaw Trail 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 me, Jennifer Sück, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: <https://goo.gl/1FN7Bi> or you may review a copy from the principal's office.

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 because of the achievement gap found between the top 30% and bottom 30% of our students. Our actions to remedy this achievement issue include: rewriting our school improvement plan, focusing instruction on students belonging to the bottom 30% sub group, restructuring grade level teaching assignments, and seeking assistance from the Michigan Department of Education and Wexford Missaukee Intermediate School District.

Students who attend Mackinaw Trail Middle School are assigned to our school by their address or through our district adopted School of Choice policy.

Mackinaw Trail Middle School is in the third year of implementation of a 5 year school improvement plan. Hard copies of our school improvement plan can be obtained in the school office. Mackinaw Trail Middle School is not and does not have any specialized schools.

All schools in the Cadillac Area Public School district follow Michigan's core curriculum and use the Core Content Standards (CCSS) as our main curriculum guides. Michigan's Curriculum can be found at <http://www.michigan.gov/mde> and the CCSS documents can be found at <http://www.corestandards.org/what-parents-should-know/>.

Mackinaw Trail Middle School teachers plan and implement lessons that are sequenced logically and based upon student performance and need using research-based strategies and techniques.

Mackinaw Trail Middle School assess student-reading and math progress a minimum of three times a year using iReady iReady is a formative set of assessments that provide teachers,

parents, and administrators with student performance information to determine student progress and response to instruction and/or intervention. Results are listed as “Benchmark, Strategic, and Intensive”. Students determined to be at Benchmark have met the minimum level of reading fluency to be considered at grade level. Students receiving a Strategic score indicate that further intervention is necessary, while students indicated as Intensive require significant changes and increases to their reading instruction.

Based upon the May 2016 assessment data, student proficiency in reading results are listed below. The numbers next to each level are listed as a percentage of the school’s grade level population:

5 th Grade Reading	Benchmark 67%	Strategic 24%	Intensive 9%
5 th Grade Math	Benchmark 49%	Strategic 41%	Intensive 10%
6 th Grade Reading	Benchmark 63%	Strategic 18%	Intensive 20%
6 th Grade Math	Benchmark 27%	Strategic 60%	Intensive 13%

The work of school staff could not be accomplished without the assistance and support of our community. One way that parents assist our school staff is by attending parent teacher conferences each time they are held. During the 2015/2016 school year, Mackinaw Trail Middle School held 332 conferences for 71 percent of our students during the October 2015 conference period.

I am grateful to the students, parents, and staff members who made the 2015/2016 school year exciting and successful. I look forward to finishing strong in the 2016/2017 school year and our continued partnership in educating the students of Mackinaw Trail Middle School.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Sück

Principal