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District Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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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 2017-18 educational progress for the Watervliet 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 Susan Toothman, Director of Curriculum and State/Federal Programs, for help if you need assistance.

The Watervliet Public School District AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website, [Watervliet Public Schools- Annual Education Report](#), 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.

School Name	Status Label	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement
South Elementary	No Label	Multi-Tiered System of Support
North Elementary	No Label	Multi-Tiered System of Support
Watervliet Middle School	No Label	Multi-Tiered System of Support
Watervliet High School	No Label	Multi-Tiered System of Support
Watervliet W-A-Y	No Label	Project-Based Learning

Watervliet Public Schools had another successful year. We completed a twenty-three million dollar Bond Project which included renovations, infrastructure improvements, technology additions, school safety enhancements, and new construction. In addition, we expanded our instructional technology services and implemented a Positive Behavior Support System at the elementary level. The Watervliet Public School District continues to be an outstanding school of choice for our own residents and for students from neighboring districts.

Sincerely,



Dr. John Jarpe
Interim Superintendent
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