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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 2016-17 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 Director of Curriculum, Susan Toothman, for help if you need assistance.

The Watervliet Public Schools AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/1KwS4n>, 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 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 teacher qualifications at district and school levels
- Reports percentage of core academic classes taught by teachers not considered highly qualified to teach such classes

### **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

Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2016-17 school year, schools were identified using new 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. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no status label is given.

<b>School Name</b>	<b>Status Label</b>	<b>Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement</b>
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

The staff at Watervliet Public Schools work very hard to provide all of our students a quality educational experience. Whether students are struggling with a concept or ready to extend their learning, our staff strives to meet them at their level, and work to improve. Through our collaborative efforts, a professional learning community and increased sophistication of our Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) process, we will have a positive impact on the kids in our care.

Sincerely,

Kevin Schooley  
Superintendent  
Watervliet Public Schools