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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 Newaygo 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 Mr. Steve Bush, Principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/gyxEHy> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

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 label is given.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Students are assigned to the school based on academic proficiency, last grade completed, and are scheduled based on ability and around electives such as band.
2. Newaygo Middle School annual reviews and updates its 3-5 year plan with administrators from all levels in the district. Annual adjustments are made based on newly identified needs.
3. Newaygo Middle School accommodates approximately 525 students in grades 5-8. Students are provided core academic programming, as well as, choices in electives that range from physical education to band.
4. The State of Michigan has adopted a Core Curriculum in English Language Arts and Mathematics. These documents were adopted in alignment with 48 other states. You can find these documents at the Department of Education

website (www.michigan.gov/mde) or the NCRESA website (www.ncresa.org). Newaygo Middle School actively participates with the state curriculum.

5. Each student at Newaygo Middle School participates in the NWEA's MAP test three times a year. Tests are given in the areas of mathematics and reading. When the students are scored they receive a RIT score that compares their score to other students the same age and grade level. The following scores reflect the median RIT score, as of spring 2018, for each grade level:

5th Grade Math: **Mean RIT - 209.4**

5th Grade Reading: **Mean RIT - 208.8**

6th Grade Math: **Mean RIT - 212.5**

6th Grade Reading: **Mean RIT - 212.7**

7th Grade Math: **Mean RIT - 216.5**

7th Grade Reading: **Mean RIT - 221.4**

8th Grade Math: **Mean RIT - 227.2**

8th Grade Reading: **Mean RIT - 220.2**

Please feel free to stop in or call the principal if you need further explanation of the RIT score. In addition to this, the students of NMS participate in the State mandated MEAP testing in the fall of each year.

6. 168 students were represented by their parents or guardians during our fall conferences. This accounts for 32% of our parents.

Newaygo Middle School is an institution that is committed to the idea that all students can learn at high levels. In order to achieve this goal, we will use the Professional Learning Community process to continually reflect on our current practices to look for areas of growth, as well as areas of success. We will also strengthen the working relationship between the school, family and community in order to make Newaygo Middle School a great place to learn and grow.

Sincerely,

Mr. Steve Bush, Principal