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 2017-2018 educational progress for RIVERSIDE 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 at MartinW@grps.org or call our school’s main office at (616) 819-2969 for assistance.

All Michigan schools are required to report out on several different components including:

- *Results of State Assessments for all tested subjects (English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies)*
- *Teacher Qualification Data*
- *NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress)*

Our school’s AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the Michigan School Data site or clicking this link: Riverside AER. You may also review a copy in the main office at our school.

For the 2017-18 school year, schools were identified using new definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is performing in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school has one or two underperforming student subgroups. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school has three or more underperforming student subgroups. Schools with higher levels of performance are not identified with any of these labels.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.
Click [here](#) to view the School Index Overview for our school. This site provides additional information about key performance indicators.

We continue to implement the district’s Academic Plan that focuses on creating a learning culture to advance students’ thinking and providing a rigorous and standards-based curriculum to help students achieve College- and Career-Readiness by the time they graduate.

**About The School**

Riverside Middle School is committed to creating a true comprehensive middle school environment that focuses on student achievement and supports students socially and emotionally as they progress through school. The curriculum emphasizes academic rigor and provides students with opportunities for exploration and enrichment. Riverside Middle consists of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. Riverside has a diverse population of 212 students. The school is comprised of general education students, as well as students with learning, emotional, social, and language needs. Riverside provides comprehensive athletics and the LOOP After School program provides students an array of youth enrichment activities including recreation, arts and cultural activities, field trips, and more.

**Mission Statement**

We will ensure that all students are educated, self-directed and productive members of society.

**Process for Assigning Pupils to Our School**

Our school is a neighborhood school with a geographic attendance area. Students who reside in our attendance area are eligible to enroll in our school. Click [here](#) to view the GRPS Attendance Area Finder. It shows the neighborhood elementary school, middle school, and high school for your address. Additional options, including K-8 schools, theme schools, and Centers of Innovation are available. Please contact Student Services at 616-819-2150 to learn more about your school choices.

**Local Assessment Results**

NWEA’s Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) is the district’s local assessment. The graph below reflects the proportion of students scoring at or above the 50th percentile.
Core Curriculum
GRPS continues to...

- Align curricula to Michigan Grade Level Content Standards and College and Career Readiness Standards.
- Provide professional development that supports the Academic Plan.
- Assess student learning so teachers have accurate information about each student.
- Define individualized student targets, school-wide targets and district achievement targets.

The GRPS Parent University website links parents to resources such as Milestones (provided by GreatSchools), a collection of online videos aimed to help parents understand their child’s grade-level expectations. These videos show students demonstrating what success looks like in reading, writing, and math for every grade level.

Parent-Teacher Conference Participation

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We are committed to ensuring our students reach their full academic potential. Feel free to contact me if you have questions or need additional information. Thank you for your interest in our school!

Sincerely,

Bill Martin
Principal, Riverside Middle School