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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 2018-2017 educational progress for SHERWOOD PARK GLOBAL STUDIES ACADEMY. 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 ross@grps.org or call our school’s main office at 616-819-3095 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: Sherwood AER. You may also review a copy in the main office at our school.

For the 2018-19 school year, schools were identified using definitions and support categories 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 more student subgroups performing at or below the 25th percentile. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school has one or more student subgroups performing at or below the 25th percentile with one or more student subgroups performing like a bottom 5th percentile school. Schools with higher levels of performance are not identified with any of these support category labels.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.
Our school was identified as a Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school based upon the results of our students with disabilities. As a result of this identification, our staff is working with district, county and state leaders to address the needs of our students and work toward increasing learning for all students.

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.

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**About The School**

Sherwood Park Global Studies Academy is where tradition meets technology in preparing students for the global economy. Sherwood offers an educational program that focuses on language and global studies. The following theme-based studies are featured: geography and global studies extensions, citizenship skills, leadership programs, English as a Second Language (ESL), cultural arts, and school-wide enrichments. These themes are woven into the core subject areas. Sherwood will become an International Baccalaureate (IB) candidacy school during the 2017-2018 school year.

**Mission Statement**

Our mission is to provide students with opportunities to learn about global concerns and nurture acceptance of different cultures. We will conduct project based learning, service learning projects, and life experiences that enhance global competencies and encourage students to be lifelong learners.

**Process for Assigning Pupils to Our School**

Our school is a theme school with a neighborhood 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. This graph 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.

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,

Sherrie Ross
Principal, Sherwood Global Studies Academy