January 31, 2020

Dear EGRPS Families and Community Members:

We are pleased to present the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2018-2019 educational progress for the East Grand Rapids Public Schools and District. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws. If you need assistance, our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Doug Jenkins, Director of Technology and Assessment, at 616-235-3535 or djenkins@egrps.org.

The District AER data is available to review electronically by visiting the following website link or you may review a copy in the main office of all EGRPS schools. Each school will also communicate their building AER directly to parents. This cover letter is also available at www.egrps.org.

The Annual Education Reports contain the following information:

**STUDENT ASSESSMENT DATA**

Includes the following four assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), College Board PSAT, MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT. This report section 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, participation rates, graduation and/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 2018-19 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 a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. 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.

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East Grand Rapids Public Schools continue to be an outstanding school district with motivated students, a dedicated and highly qualified staff and administration, and a Board of Education and community committed to providing an excellent educational program. Our motto, a “Tradition of Excellence,” is both a commitment and an expectation.

In all areas at East Grand Rapids Public Schools, we strive for collaboration and communication which provides for diverse opinions, thoughtful discussions, and ultimately, outstanding results. While proud of our past achievements, we continue to focus on the future and strive to find new ways to continually learn, teach, and lead. Through the work of our staff and students, and the strong support of our Board of Education, parents, and community, East Grand Rapids Public Schools will continue to be among the best public school districts in the state of Michigan and the nation.

Sincerely,

Heidi S. Kattula, Ed.D.
Superintendent