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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 2019-2020 educational progress for Mason 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 Ted Berryhill, Principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site, <https://www.masonk12.net/academics/district-and-school-improvement> or you may review a copy in our main office at your child's school.

For the 2019-2020 school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels 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 or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. Our school was not given a label.

Mason Middle School houses students in grades 6-8. Three district elementary buildings matriculate a number of fifth grade sections into our building each year. All students attending our school either reside within the Mason Public Schools district boundaries, or they attend through the Schools of Choice program if they are non-Mason residents, including any special needs students in various categories.

The Middle School staff developed our current 3-5 year school improvement plan and incorporated the strategies and action steps associated with five goals. The current school improvement process and plan is ongoing, specific to goals in Reading, Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Behavior (PBIS), and Community Service, and they are aligned to curriculum council and district goals.

A copy of our K-12 core curriculum is on file in our district's central office and our district has adopted the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics. Additionally, science and social studies curriculum is aligned with Michigan Science Standards and Michigan Social Studies Standards.

In addition to the administration of the State's MStep tests in grades 6-8 in the core subject areas in 2018-2019, all students in grades 6-8 took NWEA benchmark assessments (fall, winter, spring) in reading

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and mathematics. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students took the PSAT 8/9 for ELA and mathematics as part of their state assessment. The federal testing requirement was waived for the 2019-2020 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our total aggregate M-Step/PSAT Test scores for each subject area in 2018-2019 are described are described in Table 1. Please note that 2019-2020 testing requirements were waived due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Table 1 – MStep Aggregate Data for Mason Middle School*

Test – Subject	2018-19	State Average	+/- State Average	2019-2020	State Average	+/- State Average
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA	50.6%	41.7%	9.9%	N/A – COVID-19 Pandemic Waiver	N/A	N/A
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA	57.4%	42.7%	14.7%	N/A – COVID-19 Pandemic Waiver	N/A	N/A
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA	64.7%	61.9%	2.8%	N/A – COVID-19 Pandemic Waiver	N/A	N/A
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics	58.3%	35.1%	23.2%	N/A – COVID-19 Pandemic Waiver	N/A	N/A
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics	49.6%	35.7%	13.9%	N/A – COVID-19 Pandemic Waiver	N/A	N/A
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics	53.6%	41.4%	12.4%	N/A – COVID-19 Pandemic Waiver	N/A	N/A
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science	N/A – Pilot Test Year	N/A – Pilot Test Year	N/A – Pilot Test Year	N/A – COVID-19 Pandemic Waiver	N/A	N/A
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies	28.1%	28.0%	0.1%	N/A – COVID-19 Pandemic Waiver	N/A	N/A

Our parent/teacher conference attendance rates for the past two school years are provided in Table 2.

*Table 2 – Conference Attendance Rates for Mason Middle School*

Conference Date	Attendance by Number	Attendance by Percentage
Fall 2018	451/758	59.5%
Spring 2019	350/761	46.0%
Fall 2019	403/749	53.8%
Spring 2020	306/744	41.1%

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Mason Middle School will embrace a culture of lifelong learning where collaboration, high expectations, and development of each individual is the priority. It takes hard work, motivation, and a willingness to achieve beyond the average to prepare our students for success in high school, college, and the work place. In an effort to become an exemplary learning community, the MMS teaching faculty and staff have made a commitment to working collaboratively, improving the quality of classroom instruction, and to promote and strengthen relationships among the stakeholders at Mason Middle School.

Respectfully,

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