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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 2023-2024 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 Principal Ted Berryhill for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following <u>website</u>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2023-2024 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2023-2024. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state in 2023-2024. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2023-24. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. Mason Middle 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 two goals. Our faculty and stakeholders are currently engaged in school improvement initiatives to continue to address academic goals and working with students and families to address mental health issues within our student body. The current school improvement process and plan is ongoing, specific to goals in ELA and mathematics, 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.

Our total aggregate M-Step/PSAT Test scores for each subject area in 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 are described in Table 1.

Table 1 – MStep and PSAT Aggregate Data for Mason Middle School

Test – Subject	2022-23	State Average	+/- State Average	2023-24	State Average	+/- State Average
6 th Grade ELA	53%	38%	15%	50.0%	37.5%	12.5%
7 th Grade ELA	45%	37%	8%	45.6%	37.9%	7.7%
8 th Grade ELA	74%	60%	14%	74.0%	64.5%	9.5%
6 th Grade Mathematics	48%	30%	18%	33.2%	31.0%	2.2%
7 th Grade Mathematics	39%	31%	8%	42.1%	32.1%	10.0%
8 th Grade Mathematics	52%	36%	16%	40.6%	32.6%	8.0%
8 th Grade Science	53%	37%	16%	49.8%	38.8%	11.0%
8 th Grade Social Studies	34%	27%	7%	40.4%	29.7%	10.7%

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 2022	252/776	32.4%	
Winter 2023	200/777	25.7%	
Spring 2023	190/777	24.4%	
Fall 2023	238/755	31.5%	
Winter 2024	214/759	28.2%	
Spring 2024	198/754	26.3%	

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 workplace. 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,

Ted Berryhill

Principal Mason Middle School