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Hatherly Early Childhood Center Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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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 2015-16 educational progress for the Hatherly Educational Center. 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 Heather Shubnell for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://www.wcskids.net/District/Annual-report/index.html>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2016-17 year, no new Priority or Focus schools were named; some Priority or Focus schools did exit their status because they met the exit criteria. New Reward schools were identified using school rankings and Beating the Odds information. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap between the highest and lowest achieving 30% of schools. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Reward school is one that has achieved one or more of the following distinctions: top 5% of schools on the Top-to-Bottom School Rankings, top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement (improvement metric), or "Beating the Odds" by outperforming the school's predicted ranking and/or similar schools. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases no label is given.

Our school "HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN ONE OF THESE LABELS".

During the 2015-2016 school year, the Hatherly Educational Center staff used the school improvement plan as the driving force behind classroom instruction. The strategies and activities in the plan are reviewed and evaluated quarterly. The School Improvement Committee reviews and analyzes the quarterly progress monitoring data and shares the findings with staff members during monthly after-school staff meetings. As an early childhood center, we use MLPP scores and SRA Language for Learners Placement Tests to determine which students require extra support in preparation for kindergarten.

State law requires that we also report the following additional information for the two most recent years:

1. **PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL**
Students are assigned to schools according to their address of residence within the district's boundaries. Parents may request another school within the District under the Open Enrollment process, however, transportation is not provided. The Board of Education has determined that it will allow nonresident students, residing within the Macomb ISD, but whose parent(s) reside in the District, and who qualify to enroll in the District through a Schools of Choice program.
2. The staff at Hatherly continue to focus on student achievement in the areas of total expressive and receptive communication. Using information from academic assessments such as the MLPP, SRA Language for Learners and GOLDS assessments, surveys, the team generated specific strategies and activities to facilitate continuous improvement. Our ECSE program has implemented the Core Vocabulary program this year which focuses on teaching non-verbal children how to use pictures in order to communicate. The school improvement team monitors and evaluates the effectiveness of the strategies and activities throughout the school year.
3. Warren Consolidated Schools offers several specialized programs to meet the needs of a variety of learners.

The **Macomb Math and Science Center (MMSTC)** is an honors program for 9th – 12th grade students in 11 Macomb County districts who are interested in advanced/accelerated mathematics, science, and computer technology. Students must apply and be selected for the program based upon placement testing and teachers recommendation. The Center's program is a half day and students attend their home school for the remainder of the day. It is located at Butcher Educational Center.

The **Middle School Mathematics Science Technology Center (MS)2TC** offers an advanced mathematics, science technology option for middle school students. Students who are accepted into the program will split their day between their home middle school, where they will take their social studies and two elective classes, and Butcher Educational Center, where they will take their mathematics, science, and English language arts classes.

The **Middle School- School of Performing Arts (MS-WCSPA)** is an exciting, creative program that has been designed to build on the district's nationally-acclaimed, award-winning high school performing arts program (WCSPA) which is located in Sterling Heights High School. MS-WCSPA is intended for academically-focused and creative students who seek to blend their academic experience with interest in the performing arts. Students who are accepted into the program will split their school day between their home middle school, where they will take their language arts, science, and math classes, and Butcher Educational Center, where they will take their social studies and two performing arts electives. The performing arts electives will include visual arts, music, dance, and theatre exploratory experiences.

The **Career Preparation Center (CPC)** programs are open to Clintondale, Fraser, and Warren Consolidated 11th and 12th grade students. CPC programs are designed to provide students with skills to enter the workforce or continue with additional college or workplace training. Career Technical Education (CTE) classes at the CPC provide technical skills and knowledge. Students enrolled in these programs are often able to earn technical certifications as well as college credit.

Community High School is an alternative education program for high school students. The primary objective of the school is to assist enrolled students in meeting their high school graduation requirements in a timely manner. It is located at the Flynn Educational Center along with the adult **ESL program**.

The **Hatherly Early Childhood Center** supports the mission and vision of Warren Consolidated Schools in a variety of ways. The building is home to the WCS Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Program, the World of Fours (grant-supported pre-school for 4 year-olds) Program, Transitional kindergarten, and several Macomb-Intermediate School District Head-Start classrooms.

Year-round education offers many benefits for students and families such as increased student achievement and retention rates, more effective learning environment by reduced time spent reviewing, expanded enrichment and intervention opportunities for students, and expanded educational choice options for parents. Year-round education is offered at Siersma and Holden Elementary Schools.

4. Warren Consolidated Schools follows all State of Michigan curriculum guidelines. The Board of Education has adopted a core curriculum based on Michigan Curriculum Framework, Grade-Level Content Expectations/Michigan State Standards, and Michigan Merit Curriculum approved by the State Board of Education. A copy of the core curriculum may be accessed at www.wcskids.net.
5. The Hatherly Educational Center is an early childhood center. The students do not take any local competency tests or nationally normed achievement test.

I am extremely proud of the ongoing work of the students, staff, and parents at Hatherly Educational Center. As we prepare students for kindergarten, we will continue to strive for excellence in teaching and learning that will help our students become life-long learners and responsible, contributing citizens in our global community.

Sincerely,

Heather Shubnell

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