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Annual Education Report

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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 2014-15 educational progress for Arthurs 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 Stephanie O'Connor, Principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [Annual Education Report](#), or you may review a copy in our main office.

Arthurs participates in a continuous cycle for school improvement. An annual review of our goals is completed each spring. The plan is utilized with staff throughout the year as they work in their Professional Learning Communities to review and analyze the data as well as implement strategies to address our areas in need of improvement.

The school improvement goals include:

1. Increase student proficiency and reduce achievement gaps in the area of science.
2. Increase student proficiency and reduce achievement gaps in the area of mathematics.
3. Increase student proficiency and reduce achievement gaps in reading and writing.
4. Provide an environment to maximize growth, student citizenship and academic achievement.

Arthurs Middle School staff has identified our largest achievement gaps to be with students who are economically disadvantaged and students with disabilities. The staff is focused on increasing the proficiency levels of students in these sub groups by approximately 30% over the next three years. Two initiatives being implemented at Arthurs to support these subgroups are READ 180 and Formative Assessment. The READ 180 program targets 30 of our lowest performing readers with 90 minutes per day of an intense repertoire of instructional pedagogy. Additionally, ongoing professional development as well as classroom utilization of Formative Assessment provides teachers with a better insight to student learning. From there, they can immediately adjust their instruction to meet the needs of all students.

Trenton Public Schools core curriculum is aligned with the [Michigan Academic Standards](#) in all subject areas. These standards serve as a framework for instruction and assessment in our classrooms. Grade level curriculum is located on the District website at www.trentonschools.com.

Beginning in the 2012-13 school year, the assessment, Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP), was administered to students in grades six and seven in the content areas of reading and math. Grade eight was added in 2013-14. Below are the results for Arthurs Middle School students for the previous two years:

Percentage of Students at or above Norm Grade Level Mean	Grade 6		Grade 7		Grade 8	
	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math
MAP Spring 2015	43	42	56	57	36	33
MAP Spring 2014	43	39	38	31	48	39

Students are assigned to Arthurs Middle School based on residency in Trenton. Trenton Public Schools also participates in a limited Schools of Choice Program. The district operates a center-based Auditory/Oral Program for students with hearing impairment. The program services 17 neighboring school districts with students ranging in age from birth to grade 12.

Arthurs Middle School is fortunate to have tremendous parent support and an active Parent Teacher Organization. During the 2014-15 school year, 74% (491/663) of parents/guardians attended parent/teacher conferences.

I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of our students, staff, and community. In March 2016, Arthurs Middle School was proud to receive the *Schools to Watch* re-designation, being one of only 18 middle schools in Michigan with this honor. *Michigan Schools to Watch* seeks to identify and recognize high performing middle schools.

Please contact my office at (734) 676-8700 or oconnors@trentonschools.com if I may provide assistance with the Annual Education Report.

Sincerely,

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