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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 2018-19 educational progress for Jenison Junior High 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 Brett Cataldo for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site http://bit.ly/2uuK91Y, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child’s school.

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 label is given.

Our school was not identified or assigned one of these labels.

Jenison Junior High School works toward constant improvement in all of our educational areas based on the combined Annual Education Report. Many hours have been spent creating scope and sequence curriculum maps for each course that we offer. Mapping each of our courses provides curriculum in an accessible format that can be constantly reviewed and compared with state standards to alleviate any curricular gaps. Data collected in the combined report offers the opportunity to look at areas that need more improvement in our educational programming.

Students that need remediation in content areas based on the reports are given opportunities for remediation. Our curriculum is also reviewed to close any educational
gaps that have been discovered on the combined report. We are currently working on math computation, reading, and writing skills with all of our students. The district continues to focus on meeting the literacy needs for all students. At JPS, we believe Readers are Leaders and we continue to build a strong culture of reading and the use of effective practices for literacy instruction.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Students are assigned to Jenison Junior High School through their enrollment with our district office.
2. The Junior High is working through their 5 year school improvement plan.
3. Jenison Junior High School is a state of Michigan public school.
4. The core curriculum can be accessed from the Junior High School main office. The core curriculum is aligned to state of Michigan grade level content expectations, and the Common Core State Standards.
5. Local student achievement has shown student improvement on pretest/posttest, quarterly common assessments and semester exams.
6. Approximately 70% of our students are represented at Parent Teacher conferences.

Jenison Junior High School has a deep tradition of pride in the educational process. The value that students, parents and community members place on education provides a solid foundation for students to be successful in life. We are pleased with our student progress toward our academic goals at Jenison Junior High School. Our staff members are committed to providing challenging, rigorous academic opportunities that allow our students to grow and flourish. The staff at Jenison Junior High School is proud of the accomplishments of all of our students. The preparation that takes place in our building allows students to transition to Jenison High School prepared to achieve academically. Our well rounded education allows students to take charge of their learning and become lifelong learners. Thank you to staff, student, parent and community member participation in making education a priority as well as a great experience for students that attend Jenison Jenison Junior High School.

Sincerely,

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