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Waldon Middle School Annual Education Report (AER)

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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 2019-20 educational progress for Waldon 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 Dr. Randy Groya for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://bit.ly/2XMsbHf> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2019-20 school year, schools were identified using new 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 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 has not been given one of these labels.

The staff at Waldon Middle School is committed to educating students in a way conducive to the unique academic and social needs of the emerging adolescent. During this school year we hope to improve our curriculum to effectively incorporate these standards. In addition, the staff will be looking at researched-based solutions to solve issues with assessment, student motivation, and professional learning opportunities. We have made a concerted effort in improving our grading practices by implementing Standards Based Grading which allows students to receive more specific and timely feedback about areas of improvement and opportunities to increase their capacity within the same marking period. Students have the opportunity to attend study sessions, resubmit work or tests in areas where they may not have met the standard and receive full credit for their hard work. We have seen an increase in student assessment scores and will continue to monitor this progress as it relates to closing the achievement gaps with our subgroups.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

Description of Waldon Middle and Student Enrollment

Waldon Middle is one of three middle schools within Lake Orion Community Schools. Waldon Middle houses grades 6-8 in which students are assigned to teams for their core academic classes (Science, Social Studies, Math and Language Arts). Throughout their three years in middle school, students develop new areas of interest through a variety of exploratory and elective classes including world languages, art, computer applications, and physical education. Waldon Middle offers a wide range of clubs, sports, and extracurricular activities.

Lake Orion Community Schools continued its Schools-of-Choice enrollment program to include out-of-district students for the 2019-20 school year. Spaces were available at selected elementary and middle schools (K-8) during the 2019-20 school year. Lake Orion also accepted Schools-of-Choice students in our Learning Options High School, an alternative learning environment for students in grades 10-12.

School Improvement

The Board of Education authorizes and supports the formation of building level school improvement committees at each building within the district. Based on information gathered throughout the school year, the School Improvement Team looks at revising, eliminating or evolving current goals for the following year. Information gathered includes standardized test scores analysis, district level assessment data, teacher observation, information gathered through survey or other devices for parent/student input. School Improvement is a continuous process at Waldon Middle School. School Improvement Plans are reviewed annually and submitted to the State.

Goals:

- Goal 1: All Students will show growth in Literacy Standards through the content areas of Social Studies, ELA and Science
- Goal 2: All Students will show growth in math standards
- Goal 3: All students will participate in career readiness exploration

The Waldon Middle School Improvement Plan and its status may be viewed on the Waldon website.

Specialized Schools

Waldon Middle School is organized into instructional teams, with each student assigned to a team of teachers for their core academic classes. Students also participate in a variety of exploratory and elective classes that provide diverse educational experiences. The staff at Waldon Middle School is committed to educating students in a way conducive to the unique academic and social needs of the emerging adolescent.

Our school district provides educational programs, services and support to certified special education students throughout the District. During the 2019-20 school year, there were 965 students who were in need of special education support services.

Our school district also runs a separate facility for students with autism, emotional impairments, and young adults with special needs ages 18-26 years old. Within the building we support students K-8 autism and K-8 with emotional impairments. The building includes 83 students in total for the 2019-20 school year. Our new programs allow the District to increase our array of services to keep our students within our community.

Curriculum

Lake Orion Community Schools continues to implement a comprehensive curriculum for all students. The curriculum is based on and aligns with Michigan Standards for all courses and subject matter, and state-mandated graduation requirements. The curriculum at Waldon is synonymous with the district's curriculum. Additional information on the curriculum can be found at <https://www.lakeorionschools.org/teaching-and-learning/curriculum>

Local Assessments

At Waldon Middle we use a variety of qualitative and quantitative methods (in addition to M-STEP) to assess the whole child. Students are assessed both formally and informally in all classes using a variety of instruments including projects, performances and technology based presentations. Common assessments in mathematics, language arts and social studies are administered to all students. We also administer a computer adaptive norm referenced screener in math and reading to all students. These assessments allow us to learn each student's current skills and identify those who need additional support.

Due to COVID-19 and school closures in March 2020, Spring 2020 data is not available. Proficiency is set at 80% on local assessments and meeting grade level benchmarks on nationally normed assessments.

Grades 6-8

	Content	Spring 2019 % Proficient		Spring 2020 % Proficient	
		# tested	% proficient	# tested	% proficient
FastBridge aMath Grade 6	Mathematics	181	83.4	n/a	n/a
FastBridge aReading Grade 6	Reading	181	75.7	n/a	n/a
Argument Writing Grade 6	Writing	183	55.7	n/a	n/a
FastBridge aMath Grade 7	Mathematics	205	82.4	n/a	n/a
FastBridge aReading Grade 7	Reading	211	78.2	n/a	n/a
Argument Writing Grade 7	Writing	208	36.0	n/a	n/a
FastBridge aMath Grade 8	Mathematics	159	85.5	n/a	n/a
FastBridge aReading Grade 8	Reading	186	87.1	n/a	n/a
Argument Writing Grade 8	Writing	185	77.3	n/a	n/a

Parent Participation

Parents participate in a wide range of activities at Waldon. Our parents are active as GAP supervisors and volunteer during our Blood Drive, concerts, and athletic events.

Fall Conferences

2019-2020	Boys' parents attending– 230 (78.0%)	Girls' parents attending – 250 (79.4%)	Total % - 78.7 %
2018-2019	Boys' parents attending– 252 (83.2%)	Girls' parents attending – 228 (76.8%)	Total % - 80.0 %

Spring Conferences

2019-2020	Due to COVID-19, conferences were canceled		
2018-2019	Boys' parents attending - 187 (62.3%)	Girls' parents attending – 177 (58.8%)	Total % - 60.6%

Points of Pride

The 2019-20 school year brought many exciting events and opportunities to the Waldon Middle School Community and we are very proud of all of them. For a complete listing of the Waldon Points of Pride please visit our website. <https://www.lakeorionschools.org/waldon-middle-school/about-us/points-of-pride>

Sincerely,

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