

## **School Annual Education Report (AER)**

August 1, 2023

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2022-2023 educational progress for Owosso 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 Richard A. Collins the OMS principal for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site Owosso.k12.mi.us or you may review a copy from the Owosso Middle School office.

For the 2022-2023 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 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, and at Owosso Middle School we have been identified as a CSI school..

Owosso Middle School has to close the achievement gap. We have a high population of special education and at-risk students who perform below average on our standardized testing and we are working with programs like "Check in and Check out" to help address these needs. We also have free tutoring as an after school program. We also have implemented "Trojan Time" (TT) classes for all of our population. In English we focus on writing and reading instruction, and continue to monitor student reading levels throughout the school year.

### Process for assigning pupils to the school

Owosso Middle School services all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the Owosso Public Schools district. We have three elementary buildings that feed into Owosso Middle School. The school also accepts in-district transfers and school of choice students from other districts to the extent enrollment capacity will allow.

# Status of the 3-5 year school improvement plan

Owosso Middle School is an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Authorized World School. Owosso Middle School was part of the reauthorization peer review in the fall of 2023 and will work with other buildings in the district to comply with all recommendations put forth by the visiting IB team. The school improvement plan is available upon request.

#### Access to the Core Curriculum

Curriculum maps, aligned with Michigan Department of Education (MDE) standards and benchmarks, continued to be created and updated for every course in the district. We are also working on aligning our curriculum and assessment with the Common Core. These efforts were supported by an on-going Five Year Plan for Curriculum Renewal process. The plan for district-wide professional development during the 2022-2023 school year was formulated through collaboration with teachers and administration leading to a unified instructional experience for all students.

## **Aggregated Student Achievement Results**

Owosso Public Schools utilizes three local assessments to provide additional diagnostic measures to inform instructional activities. Owosso Middle School is committed to working on our building's reading scores. Our goal is to have all students read at or above grade level by the time they enter ninth grade. We have implemented the reading/writing workshop to help our building scores in these areas. We also use common assessments in all our core courses. Common assessments, syllabi, and department units are also utilized.

## **Parent Teacher Conference Representation**

In the Fall of 2015 we had 38% (724/274) of parents attend conferences for grades 6-8. In the Fall of 2016 we had 40% (287/710) of parents attend conferences for grades 6-8. In the Fall of 2017 we had 55% (387/697) of parents attend conferences for grades 6-8. In the Fall of 2018 we had 46% (323/708) of parents attend conferences for grades 6-8. In the Fall of 2019 we had 38% of parents attend conferences 6-8. In the Fall of 2020 and 2021 traditional conferences were canceled, teachers were available for virtual conferences/phone calls. In the Fall of 2022 a complete list of parents attending conferences is on file.

Our mission at Owosso Middle School is committed to creating a safe, supportive student-centered learning community by a collaborative, dedicated staff who provides challenging and developmentally appropriate learning opportunities. Owosso Middle School students are empowered to become life-long learners and respectful, contributing citizens. You and your family are an important part of the formula for success. It is essential that all of us form a partnership built upon communication and caring.

Sincerely,

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