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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 2023-24 educational progress for Marcellus Middle School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information on student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Principal Tracy Cropsey for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the [MiSchoolData website \(https://www.mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1?Common_Locations=1-S,16780,1334,93\)](https://www.mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1?Common_Locations=1-S,16780,1334,93), or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2024-25 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2023-24. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state in 2021-22. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. Our school, Marcellus Middle School, has not been given one of these labels.

State law also requires that we report additional information.

1. Process for Assigning Pupils to the School:

Students enter Marcellus Middle School in sixth grade and progress through grade eight. Students who reside in the district and those who participate in applicable School of Choice programs attend Marcellus Middle School.

2. The status of the 3-5 year Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP):

Marcellus Middle School is currently implementing strategies/activities from their Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process to meet the student's educational needs. The following goal was developed as determined by the data analysis:

- Protect our monthly release time for instructional staff and provide a structure to increase mastery
- standards to improve local math summative assessment proficiency by 5% for all grade levels by spring 2025.
- • By June of 2028, we will implement an integrated MTSS framework with fidelity across all schools with the district infrastructure necessary to support that framework, resulting in increased reading and math.

Our administrative team monitors and evaluates our goals throughout the school year. All staff will continue to analyze M-STEP, PSAT 8/9, STAR READING/MATH, and Imagine Math data as effective strategies for improving student growth. Modifications will be made annually to our Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process.

3. Specialized Schools:

Heritage Southwest ISD offers a variety of programs to educate students from 0-26 with various handicapping conditions, which include early childhood development delay, infants and toddlers with severe-multiple impairments, autism spectrum disorder, cognitive impairments, and emotional impairments. Students also attend specialized programs in other districts within Cass County and other counties through contracted services. Eligible special education students are enrolled in the Heritage Southwest ISD School through the Individualized Educational Planning Committee process.

4. Core Curriculum:

Marcellus Middle School follows Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Literacy in History/Social Studies, and Science. We use Michigan Grade Level Expectations in Social Studies and the Next Generation Science Standards for Science. If you would like to see a copy of the core curriculum at each grade level, please come to the Marcellus Middle School office. We are currently updating each core area.

5. Aggregate Student Achievement Results:

Our student achievement results are in our Annual Education Report, located in our school office or our district website. The information in this report highlights our student achievement data and our state accreditation.

6. Parent-Teacher Conference Attendance:

Fall 2024: 38 %

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated teachers, support staff, and the entire Marcellus Middle School community for their unwavering commitment to our students' success during the

2023-24 academic year. Together, we have achieved significant milestones, and our school's positive performance is a testament to the collaborative spirit that defines our educational environment. As we continue in the 2024-54 school year, I am confident that we will overcome challenges, accelerate student achievement, and ensure the holistic development of every student. Thank you for your ongoing partnership, and I look forward to another year of shared success.

Sincerely,

Tracy L. Cropsey, Principal