



## **Endeavour Elementary and Middle School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter**

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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 2016-17 educational progress for the Endeavour Elementary and 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 Kristin Guinn, Endeavour Principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/LU6rvL> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2016-17 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. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. Endeavour has not been given one of these labels.

As a district, our key challenges include the level of poverty and the subsequent financial hardships that our district has faced over the years. New Haven Community Schools has been in deficit for more than fifteen years, which has adversely effected staffing, infrastructure, curriculum development and the ability to purchase instructional support materials. The district came out of deficit with Board of Education approval of the official audit in the fall of 2017. The current school of choice environment in Macomb County has posed a continuing challenge to our district and we continue to experience a slight decline in enrollment annually. Despite this, we are pleased that we have seen an increase in our student achievement scores and will continue to place a focus on student growth as well as narrowing the gaps in student achievement. This year at Endeavour Elementary and Middle School we were able to implement the following initiatives and programs:

NWEA MAP Assessment System: NWEA assessments are given to our Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students three times throughout the year. Our teachers can monitor the progress of individual students as well as their classes as a whole. This data is used to

assist students in setting personal goals and helping them understand what they need to learn in order to achieve their goals.

5D+ Instructional Framework and Educator Evaluation System: Building the capacity of teachers leads to better instruction and greater learning for all students. The 5D+ Framework Evaluation System contributes to and supports the formative development of expertise for teachers and instructional leaders, in order to improve the quality of teaching, which ultimately impacts the quality of education for all students. All administrators and staff have received 5D+ training to support implementation and instruction within the building.

Classroom Instruction That Works (CITW): All teachers received extensive training in the most effective, researched based teaching strategies. As a result of CITW, teachers post learning targets, provide prompt feedback for students and create lessons that are learner focused.

Problem Centered Learning: Math teachers have redesigned their curriculum to include more hands-on instruction. Through inquiry, students are given the tools necessary to problem solve in order to deepen learning of important mathematical concepts.

Writing about Math Notebooks: On a weekly basis, students in grades 3 – 8 are required to write about how they solved a specific math problem in their WAM Notebook. Students are encouraged to solve the problems in a variety of ways using diagrams and models. All must then explain their problem solving in paragraph form.

Math Summer School: Computer based math program offered to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with the support of the MISD.

Blast Off: A two-week summer school program offered to select incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The goal of this program is to acclimate new students to Endeavour and review foundational skills.

After School Tutoring Program: Tutoring is available for all students four days a week, immediately following the school day. This is a free program offered to all students.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Students enrolled in New Haven Community Schools attend here because they reside in our school's boundary or have enrolled here as a School of Choice student. The district has specific boundaries for all K-5; they are placed at either New Haven Elementary or Endeavour Elementary. All students in grades 6-8 attend Endeavour Middle School. High school students entering grade 9 from our district come from Endeavour Middle School. Enrollment guidelines have been set forth by the New Haven Board of Education. New Haven Community Schools offers an additional option for students in grades 6-12 at Lake Huron Virtual School. Transfer requests within the district are also considered.
2. Endeavour Middle School's School Improvement Plan is focused on continuous student achievement in the core areas of reading, writing, math, science and social

studies. Our plan is continuously reviewed throughout the school year to evaluate its' effectiveness. Certified staff meet on a regular basis to monitor student progress and make appropriate adjustments based on the needs of our students. Staff members also participate in on-going professional development in these content areas provided by our district and the MISD.

3. There are no specialized schools in the New Haven Community School District.
4. The district core curriculum is available upon request at each school building. Teachers work collaboratively with grade levels and department teams to implement the current district curriculum. Our staff work with the support of the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) to implement the Common Core State Standards through current research based instructional strategies. Working closely with the MISD allows us to stay aligned with the most current state models.
5. See the Combined Report for the aggregate results for MEAP, M-STEP, MME, MI-ACCESS and ACT. The Combined Report also shares our students' progress on the National Assessment of Educational Progress in grades 4, 8 and 12. Each spring, Endeavour Middle School students in grades 3 – 8 take the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP). This test is designed to measure student growth. Starting in the 2014 – 2015 school year, this assessment replaced the MEAP Test. In addition, Endeavour Elementary and Middle School students participate in local testing (NWEA) on a regular basis to assist in monitoring progress and academic growth.
6. Each year at Endeavour Elementary and Middle School, 2 parent-teacher conferences are held. The first is held in November and the second is held in March. In the fall of the 2016 – 2017 school year, 332 of 459 students were represented for an attendance rate of 72%. This was an increase in attendance from the previous year and may be attributed to the fact that staff members took the time to make phone calls personally inviting our parents to the event. For the spring 2016 - 2017 conferences, 146 of 463 students were represented for an attendance rate of 32%.

Endeavour Elementary and Middle School upholds high educational standards for all of our students. We have collaborated with the Michigan Department of Education, the Macomb Intermediate School District as well as our community to meet the needs of our learners. We will continue to work to provide a learning environment that is supportive, safe and promotes success.

Sincerely,

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