

Standish-Sterling Community Schools

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Standish-Sterling Central Jr/Sr High School
Standish-Sterling Central Elementary School
Sterling Elementary School

“Learning for All”

2018 District Annual Education Report 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 2017-18 educational progress for the Standish-Sterling Community School District and our schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact any building principal or our District Curriculum Director, Arnae Stokoszynski at 989-846-3673 for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.standish-sterling.org or you may review a copy in the main office at your child’s school. Each school will also be communicating their own AER to parents directly.

These reports contain the following information:

Student Assessment Data – Includes the following three assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT. Presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and MI-Access science for grades 4, 7, and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students. The report helps users to understand achievement performance within grades and schools, and to make comparisons to district, state, and national achievement benchmarks.

Accountability – Detail Data and Status

The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability index values showing performance on a 0-100 scale.

Teacher Qualification Data

- Identifies the number and percentage of inexperienced teachers, principals, and other school leaders Reports teachers who are teaching with emergency or provisional credentials
- Includes teachers who are not teaching in the subject or field for which they are certified

NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

- Provides state results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8

Civil Rights Data

- Provides information on school quality, climate and safety

Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2017-18 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, no status label is given.

* Note TSI and ATS definitions were changed for the 2018-19 school year per federal requirements. The new definitions are:

TSI – The school has at least one subgroup performing in the bottom 25% within each applicable accountability index component.

ATS – The school has met the criteria for TSI identification and has at least one subgroup performing at the same level as a CSI school.

| School Name | Status Label | Key initiative to accelerate achievement |
|---|--------------|--|
| Standish-Sterling Central Jr/Sr High School | None | |
| Standish-Sterling Central Elementary | None | |
| Sterling Elementary | None | |

For 2017-2018, Standish-Sterling Community School District made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English Language Arts and Mathematics. All schools in the district also made AYP. None of our schools were identified for school improvement, corrective action or restructuring 2017-2018.

We have wonderful buildings, great facility and opportunities galore for our students!

"Nurture your mind with great thoughts,
for you will never go any higher than you think."

--Benjamin Disraeli

Here is just a sample of what Standish-Sterling Community Schools offers our students.

- ◆ Pre-K
- ◆ FFA 7-12
- ◆ AP Courses
- ◆ Music K-12
- ◆ Drama
- ◆ Band 6-12
- ◆ Athletics 7-12
- ◆ Community Education Sports and Activities for Elementary Ages
- ◆ Choir 6-12
- ◆ Honors Society 7-12
- ◆ Knowledge Bowl 9-12
- ◆ Field Trips
- ◆ School Supplies for all Elementary Students at School
- ◆ Open Swimming and Swimming Classes
- ◆ Transportation to and from school
- ◆ Career Center for High School Students
- ◆ On line Courses for High School Students
- ◆and much, much, more!

The district has a School Improvement process plan implemented to support student growth in our district. We welcome parents input in this process. We also invite parents into our district to support programs that help their child learn.

I am very proud of our district and what we do for our students. The opportunities we afford our students will transcend time and will make our students world-class leaders.

Thank you for all you do for the students of Standish-Sterling Community Schools and for supporting Change and Growth in our District. Most important of all.....thank you for supporting all district programs that nurture learning in all of our kids and develop them and prepare them for the ever-changing global economy. Your continued support of Standish-Sterling Community Schools is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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