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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 2021-22 educational progress for Blesch Intermediate 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 Scott Martin for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website: <https://bit.ly/3u0Z8hQ>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2021-22 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 2018-19. 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 2017-18. 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 2016-17. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

BLESCH INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN ONE OF THESE LABELS.

Our school is not unique in the challenges it has faced during the pandemic. Our staff is working diligently to address gaps created during the past two years and best meet students' needs both academically and socially/emotionally.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL
 - a. All students grades 3-6 are assigned to this school building.
2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
 - a. The school is in the middle of implementing the 2020-21 School Improvement Plan and developing the 2022-2025 MI-Continuous Improvement Plan.

3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL
 - a. We currently do not have any specialized schools.
4. IDENTIFY HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE'S MODEL
 - a. A copy of the core curriculum and pacing guides can be obtained by contacting the Blesch Elementary Principal at 906-863-4466. Menominee Area Public Schools follows the State of Michigan established curriculum for all Core academic areas. Consistent standards will provide appropriate benchmarks for all students. Copies of each grade level curriculum can be obtained by contacting the school office or Michigan Department of Education website at www.michigan.gov/mde.
5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS
 - a. Blesch Intermediate School students are assessed multiple times during the school year on various mathematics and English Language Arts measures. Blesch students normally take M-Step assessments in the spring. However, due to COVID-19, state assessments were not administered during the spring of 2020 and no data is available for 2019-2020.
 - b. 2020-21 M-Step Results:
3rd Grade ELA: 48.3% Proficient/Advanced Math: 41.6.0% Proficient/Advanced
4th Grade ELA: 49.4% Proficient/Advanced Math: 31.5% Proficient/Advanced
5th Grade ELA: 32.1% Proficient/Advanced Math: 19.0% Proficient/Advanced
6th Grade ELA: 19.0% Proficient/Advanced Math: 21.4% Proficient/Advanced
6. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
 - a. Parent-Teacher conferences are well attended at Blesch Intermediate School. In the Fall of 2019, 87% of parents attended conferences. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, Parent-Teacher conferences were not held during the 2020-2021 school year.

Blesch Intermediate School is proud to serve as Menominee Area Public School's upper elementary school. We offer our students a quality comprehensive instructional program designed to meet the individual and diverse educational needs of all our students. One area of pride is our Differentiated Instruction program, which allows students to receive reading support at their instructional level for 30 minutes on a daily basis. The Blesch staff is highly qualified and dedicated to meet each of their students' needs. They provide students with a well articulated curriculum, which is both rigorous and relevant as outlined in the Michigan Common Core State Standards. Grade level staff work together during common planning times to continue with curriculum development in all academic areas. Blesch Intermediate School is striving to constantly improve instruction to make learning fun and exciting in a safe and caring environment.

Sincerely,

Scott Martin, Principal