



# Alcona Community Schools

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## District 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 2018-19 educational progress for the Alcona Community 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 Mr. Daniel O'Connor if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site at [MI School Data](#). (SEE Q.7 AND Q.8 OF THE 2019-20 AER FAQ DOCUMENT FOR DIRECTIONS>, 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 four assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), College Board PSAT, MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT. This report section 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 school 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/reading every other year in grades 4/8

## Civil Rights Data

Provides information on school quality, climate and safety

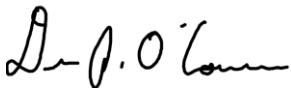
Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2018-19 school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. 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.

School Name	Status Label	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement
Alcona Middle/High School	No Label	MTSS and PBIS
Alcona Elementary	No Label	MTSS and PBIS

At Alcona Community Schools, we believe that a commitment to Excellence Today leads to student Success Tomorrow. We are committed to becoming a premier public school district that has high expectations for students and staff, engages and supports all learners, and produces highly competent students prepared for college or careers. Our K-12 focus on the implementation of a multi-tier system of support (MTSS) and positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS) supports our goal of early and proactive intervention to improve student academic and behavioral success.

We welcome parent and community involvement in our schools! We know that our success depends upon a strong, positive relationship with our community to support learning goals. Get involved in our schools. You will always be welcome! Our children are the key to the future and ensuring their success is our highest priority.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. O'Connor  
Superintendent of Schools