

KALEVA NORMAN DICKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Small School – Big Family

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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 Brethren 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 K-12 Principal, Cheryl Smith for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website [Michigan School Data Hub](#) (SEE Q.7 AND Q.8 OF THE 2021-22 AER FAQ DOCUMENT FOR DIRECTIONS>, 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.

***Brethren Middle School has not been given any of these labels.

Brethren Middle School is a small school servicing the communities of Brethren, Wellston, Kaleva, and Irons, along with other small communities. It is within a district covering 350 square miles with a free and reduced lunch rate near 70%. When identifying challenges that Brethren Middle School faces, our main concern is addressing the "Covid Learning Gap." As an intervention to address this, we have added an additional math credit for 7th and 8th grade for support for their traditional math class. In addition, math has been identified as a subject that needs more of a focus. In the 2020-2021 school year, 17% of Brethren's 7th graders scored at or above the proficiency mark on the MSTEP, and 33% of 8th graders were proficient on the

PSAT 8/9. To continue to improve the low scores, in 2021, Brethren Middle School has continued the math intervention and extension program, IXL, and most recently has added “Number Sense” as a School Improvement Strategy across all subject areas.

State law requires that we also report additional information. <TO HAVE THIS LETTER MEET THE STATE REQUIREMENTS, EACH SCHOOL SHOULD PROVIDE A REPORT FOR THE **TWO MOST RECENT YEARS** ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL Brethren MS follows the Michigan Merit Curriculum and places students into grade levels based on age and grade level performance.
2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN Brethren MS completes all of the requirements of the School Improvement process, and has a vision for progress that extends 3-5 years.
3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL Brethren MS does not have any specialized schools. The middle school consists of all students in 7th and 8th grade.
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 Brethren Middle School follows the requirements governed by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), and the Common Core State Curriculum. Those interested in viewing the requirements established by MDE and the Common Core can get more information by going to http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753_64839_65510---,00.html. Also, information can be found at <http://knd.manistee.org/>
5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS
 - a. M-STEP Results for Spring 2021
 - b.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS		
	% PROFICIENT+ADVANCED	
GRADE LEVEL	DISTRICT	STATE
7	30.3	40.7
MATH		
	% PROFICIENT+ADVANCED	
GRADE LEVEL	DISTRICT	STATE
7	18.8	32.3

SCIENCE		
% PROFICIENT+ADVANCED		
GRADE LEVEL	DISTRICT	STATE
8	18.9	22.6

SOCIAL STUDIES		
% PROFICIENT+ADVANCED		
GRADE LEVEL	DISTRICT	STATE
8	15.8	25.9

c. M-STEP was not administered in spring of 2020 due to the pandemic.

d. NWEA 2021 Results

MATH			READING		
GRADE LEVEL	KND	NATIONAL	GRADE LEVEL	KND	NATIONAL
7	213.9	226.7	7	213.9	218.4
8	215.2	230.3	8	215.2	221.7

e. PSAT 8/9 2021 Results

8TH GRADE	
EVIDENCE BASED READING AND WRITING	MATH
Brethren MS 63.3% proficient	Brethren MS 33.3% proficient
State Ave 63.6% proficient	State Ave 36.0% proficient

6. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

In 2020-2021, 17.6% (16) of students were represented at parent teacher conferences in the fall.

Thank you to the teachers, staff, parents, and most importantly, the students for making Brethren Middle School a great place to learn and explore. When we all work together, our students can be very successful and we are truly a "Small School-Big Family."
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Smith". The signature is written in a dark grey or black ink on a light background.

Cheryl Smith
K-12 Principal
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