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Small School – Big Family

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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 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 Cheryl Smith, K-12 Principal for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website [Brethren Middle School 2021-2022 AER](#), 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 2021-22. 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 2021-22. 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 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school was not given a label for the 2021-2022 school year.

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" that still persists. 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 2021-2022 school year, 18.8% of Brethren’s 7th graders scored at or above the proficiency mark on the MSTEP, and 39.2% of 8th graders were proficient on the PSAT 8/9. To continue to improve these scores, in 2022, Brethren Middle School has continued the math intervention and extension program, IXL, has added “Number Sense” as a School Improvement Strategy, and updated our Math Curriculum resource to the Big Ideas Math series K-12.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

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

SPRING 2021		
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

SPRING 2022		
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS		
% PROFICIENT+ADVANCED		
GRADE LEVEL	DISTRICT	STATE
7	38.7	37.7

MATH		
% PROFICIENT+ADVANCED		
GRADE LEVEL	DISTRICT	STATE
7	16.1	30.2

SCIENCE		
% PROFICIENT+ADVANCED		
GRADE LEVEL	DISTRICT	STATE
8	38.8	36.3

SOCIAL STUDIES		
	% PROFICIENT+ADVANCED	
GRADE LEVEL	DISTRICT	STATE
8	22.4	26.3

b. NWEA Results

2021					
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

2022					
MATH			READING		
GRADE LEVEL	KND	NATIONAL	GRADE LEVEL	KND	NATIONAL
7	222	227	7	215	218
8	227	230	8	220	222

c. PSAT 8/9 Results

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

2022 Results	
8TH GRADE	
EVIDENCE BASED READING AND WRITING	MATH
Brethren MS 56.9% proficient	Brethren MS 39.2% proficient
State Ave 59.7% proficient	State Ave 36.2% 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.

In 2021-2022, 34% (26) of students were represented at parent teacher conferences in the fall and 20% of students were represented at parent teacher conferences in the spring.

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,

Cheryl Smith
K-12 Principal
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