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## **Battle Creek Public Schools 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 2022-23 educational progress for Battle Creek Public Schools 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 Theresa Yeck, [tyeck@battle-creek-k12.mi-us](mailto:tyeck@battle-creek-k12.mi-us), for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting [THIS](#) website, or you may review a copy in the Superintendent's Office. 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.

### **School Accountability Data**

- Includes information on schools' performance on various measures such as student proficiency and growth on state assessments, graduation, and attendance rates. Performance is measured on 0-100 index scales

- Reports schools identified under three federally required categories for further support: Comprehensive Support and Improvement, Targeted Support and Improvement, and Additional Targeted Support

### **Educator 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 2023-24 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 2022-23. 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 status label is given.

<b><u>School Name</u></b>	<b><u>Status Label</u></b>	<b><u>Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement</u></b>
Ann J Kellogg Elementary	Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI)	Implementation Of The Six Goals To Greatness
Battle Creek Central High School	Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI)	Implementation Of The Six Goals To Greatness
Battle Creek STEM Innovation Center	No Label	Implementation Of The Six Goals To Greatness
Dudley Elementary	No Label	Implementation Of The Six Goals To Greatness
Fremont International Academy	No Label	Implementation Of The Six Goals To Greatness
LaMora-Park Elementary	No Label	Implementation Of The Six Goals To Greatness
Northwestern Middle School	Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI)	Implementation Of The Six Goals To Greatness
Post-Franklin Elementary	No Label	Implementation Of The Six Goals To Greatness
Springfield Middle School	Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI)	Implementation Of The Six Goals To Greatness

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Valley View Elementary	Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI)	Implementation Of The Six Goals To Greatness
Verona Elementary	Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI)	Implementation Of The Six Goals To Greatness
WK Preparatory High School	Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI)	Implementation Of The Six Goals To Greatness

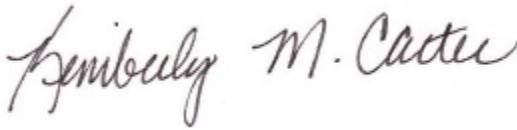
At Battle Creek Public Schools (BCPS), our goal is 100% success for every Bearcat. As outlined in our *Six Goals for Greatness*, we strive for excellence so that our students can be successful in college, career and life. Our *Six Goals for Greatness* are:

1. Obtaining **High Academic Achievement** that will prepare all students for global citizenship and success at the university and in career fields
2. Creating a **Healthy Organizational Culture** that is reflective, nurturing of all students and staff, transparent, results oriented, and continuously improving
3. Implementing **Human Capital Strategies** for recruiting, retaining, developing and supporting a diverse high quality staff that is fully committed to Battle Creek Public Schools, its students and families
4. **Effectively and Efficiently Using Resources** to ensure a balanced budget each year that prioritizes and fully funds the academic work outlined in the strategic plan
5. Securing **Active Partnerships With Our Community** to increase collaboration with students and families, community and businesses to support student achievement
6. Developing and sustaining state of the art, efficient, safe and welcoming **World-Class Infrastructures** that have a positive impact on the broader Battle Creek community

We believe that a quality education is the foundation for future success. Our goal is for every BCPS student, no matter their race, income or background, to graduate ready for college or prepared to start their career.

Your ongoing support is appreciated as we continue in our journey. Together we are making a difference for students, families and our community. Thank you for Believing in the Change.

Sincerely,



Kim Carter, Ed.D.  
Superintendent