Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2017-18 educational progress for the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District (OAISD) 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 Mike Fine mfine@oaisd.org or 616-738-8940 x4035 for help if you need assistance.

The OAISD AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website www.oaisd.org/oaisd/quicklinksmenu/annual-ed-report 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 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 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 Scorecard – Detail Data and Status**

The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability scorecard status.
Teacher Qualification Data

- Identifies teacher qualifications at district and school levels
- Reports percentage of core academic classes taught by teachers not considered highly qualified to teach such classes

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

Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2016-17 year, no new Priority or Focus schools were named; some Priority or Focus schools did exit their status because they met the exit criteria. New Reward schools were identified using school rankings and Beating the Odds information. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap between the highest and lowest achieving 30% of schools. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Reward school is one that has achieved one or more of the following distinctions: top 5% of schools on the Top-to-Bottom School Rankings, top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement (improvement metric), or “Beating the Odds” by outperforming the school’s predicted ranking and/or similar schools. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases no status label is given.

Thanks to our dedicated teachers and educational leaders in the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District, our student achievement results continue to outpace state averages and schools with similar demographic measures. Our schools continue their tradition of excellence as they work toward continual improvement.

As always, we appreciate the strong partnerships and engagement of our parents and other community stakeholders. Your continued support of Ottawa Area ISD and its member schools helps our children, and our community, thrive. We encourage you to contact your school’s administrator to learn how you can help support learning for children in the area.

Sincerely,

Peter Haines
Superintendent