



## **School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter**

February 1, 2024

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 the Kennedy 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 the principal, Mr. Chad Johnson, at 586.285.8800 for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [http://lakeshoreschools.org/our\\_district/annual\\_report](http://lakeshoreschools.org/our_district/annual_report) or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

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 label is given. Our school was identified as a "has not been given one of these labels".

Kennedy Middle School continues to focus on creating an environment that fosters a strong school culture and a safe place for students to mature both academically and socially. The use of local data, state-mandated standardized tests, PowerSchool/Schoology and stakeholder surveys, we have successfully identified our progress and areas of improvement. We are proud of the steps we have made towards our goals, but we have more progress to be made. We will continue to focus our efforts on the two areas we have identified to be challenging and a continued focus for improvement.

1. Continue to improve student achievement by addressing our climate and culture.



2. Work to close the achievement gaps within our special education and at-risk populations.

The continued implementation of the Positivity Project this year will continue to help us foster an environment of respect, report, and build a foundation of student success. In addition, our counseling and special education departments have policies and procedures in place to check in on student progress, offer and alter accommodations and communicate with parents about their student's progress.

Kennedy Middle School, in the 2022-23 school year, we experienced an increase in proficiency levels in our M-STEP scores across all grade levels. We have more work to do with our sub-groups to help them improve their scores on the state-mandated tests. Our School Improvement Team will continue to work with our four core curriculum departments to 'data dive' and focus on the areas/standards we need to address for these high stake tests.

One area that we continue to be proud of is the data from our surveys (Parent, Staff, and Student). In each of the surveys, our rating stayed consistent or, in most areas, increased satisfaction levels. As always, we will continue to plan and execute professional development activities that support our staff to improve student achievement.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

### **Process for Assigning Pupils to the School**

All resident Lake Shore students are assigned to a school based on the student's age, ability level, and residence location within the district. Resident students wishing to attend a school not within their residence boundaries have the option of requesting a transfer through the school office.

### **Status of the 3-5 Year School Improvement Plan**

Kennedy Middle School is actively working on their continuous school improvement cycle with the 2023-24 school year. You may review the School Improvement Plan at: [http://lakeshoreschools.org/our\\_district/school\\_improvement](http://lakeshoreschools.org/our_district/school_improvement).

### **Core Curriculum Information**

A copy of Lake Shore's core curriculum can be found on the district website: [http://lakeshoreschools.org/departments/curriculum\\_and\\_instruction](http://lakeshoreschools.org/departments/curriculum_and_instruction). Lake Shore teachers and administrators work closely with members of the Macomb Intermediate School District and follow the State of Michigan Core Curriculum.



**Aggregate Student Achievement Results**

<b>NWEA Language</b>	<b>Fall 2021</b>	<b>Winter 2022</b>	<b>Spring 2022</b>	<b>Fall 2022</b>	<b>Winter 2023</b>	<b>Spring 2023</b>
Sixth	204.2	205.5	208.8	206.0	207.9	209.0
Seventh	209.8	210.4	214.0	209.3	212.3	213.3
Eighth	213.0	214.2	217.2	213.9	214.3	216.7

<b>NWEA Mathematics</b>	<b>Fall 2021</b>	<b>Winter 2022</b>	<b>Spring 2022</b>	<b>Fall 2022</b>	<b>Winter 2023</b>	<b>Spring 2023</b>
Sixth	209.2	213.4	218.9	210.5	215.9	219.4
Seventh	215.0	216.8	220.7	217.4	219.9	223.0
Eighth	221.3	222.2	226.2	218.5	220.5	224.3

\*Results based on average RIT scores

**Students Represented at Parent-Teacher Conferences**

	Winter 2021-22	Winter 2022-23	Spring 2021-22	Spring 2022-23
# of Parents Attending	548	402	317	332
% of Students Represented by a Parent	78%	58%	46%	48%

We are very proud of the students and staff at Kennedy Middle School as they continue to strive towards excellence.

Sincerely,

Chad Johnson, Principal