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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 2017-18 educational progress for the Aspen Ridge 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 superintendent’s office for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site http://bit.ly/2tUeZkg. You can also review a copy in the main office at your child’s school or by visiting the district webpage at www.nice.k12.mi.us.

For the 2017-18 school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has three or more underperforming student subgroups. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. Aspen Ridge School was not given a label for the 2017-18 school year.

Aspen Ridge School is committed to meeting the needs of all students and has adopted the NWEA MAP assessment as a tool to help identify student progress in grades K-8. The immediate feedback allows staff the ability to identify specific areas of concern as well as areas of high proficiency (for both individual and groups of students). Intervention and extension activities are then specifically designed to address these areas, therefore meeting the individual needs of each student.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Process of assigning students to specific school - Aspen Ridge School is the only K-8 building in our district.
3. Specialized schools - none
4. Our curriculum is aligned to meet the standards set by the State of Michigan. Curriculum can be reviewed by contacting school administration.
5. Achievement results for any local competency tests or nationally normed achievement tests – n/a
6. 95% or 488 students of elementary parents attended fall parent-teacher conferences compared to 93% or 487 students from the previous year. 53% or 160 students of middle school parents attended fall conferences compared to 57% or 172 students from the previous year.

I would like to thank all of the students, parents, staff, and community members for their commitment to make Aspen Ridge School the premiere school of choice. We are always striving to be better and will work tirelessly to ensure the needs of our students are met.

Best regards,

Chris Marana
Elementary Principal