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Dear Parents and Community Members:

I am pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2019-20 educational progress for AGS Middle School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. Our school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Eric Rettenmund, principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically at <https://bit.ly/3smU1lb>, by visiting the following web site, or you may review a copy in the main office.

Our school is a comprehensive middle school that contains 6th-8th grade. We are currently in our ninth year of our AGS School Improvement Plan. We continue to strive for improvement by assessing and adjusting our goals. For example, adding a goal that addresses 6th-8th grade career preparation and readiness to our plan. Through program evaluations we have kept effective strategies and removed/replaced ineffective ones.

We also have in place a multi-tiered intervention system that assists the academic, behavioral, and social emotional issues facing our at-risk students. This system also helps to identify students that qualify for academic enrichment. Our students leave the middle school prepared and ready for high school. We strive to give our students a rich educational experience that promotes a sense of belonging in our greater community.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

Placement into Schools

Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) has three elementary schools and participates in the State of Michigan Schools of Choice Program. Please review the SOC Application information found on the district web site at www.fentonschools.org

School Improvement Plan

Our School Improvement Plan reflects the process of continuously reviewing, analyzing, and adapting our instruction, curriculum, and building environment to meet the ever-changing needs of our students. AGS continues to focus on areas in need of improvement that were identified through data study and stakeholder input. We submit an annual building level School Improvement Plan to the State of Michigan. This plan is published and posted on the district website at <https://tinyurl.com/y5mqdx4>



Core Curriculum

Units of instruction in AGS core subjects are aligned with state content expectations, national standards, and common core standards. We currently follow the Common Core Curriculum in Math and ELA, the New Generation Science Standards, and the GIANTS curriculum in SS; these curriculum standards can be found on our district website.

Standardized Testing

In the spring of each year, our students participate in state testing. During the 2018-19 school year the state required assessment accountability measure for 8th grade changed from M-Step for Math and ELA to PSAT. Since this was the first year this test was given in this capacity, no comparative data is available. Please click the link below for the aggregate student achievement results for nationally normed achievement tests:

<https://tinyurl.com/yxr5zcx6>

Parent-Teacher Conference Attendance

Parents once again were strong contributors to the athletic programs, class functions, music boosters, and a great variety of other parent participation programs. We are also very fortunate to have such a strong Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) that supports our students, staff and school. Due to the increase in regular and ongoing communication between teachers and parents, there has been a slight decline in the percentage of parents involved at Parent Teacher Conferences. The specific participation rate of parents in parent teacher conferences is below:

- Fall of 2018: 43%
- Spring of 2018: 20%
- Fall of 2019: 37%
- Spring of 2019: 15%

**Fall 2020 PTC were held virtually, thus data no comparative data is available*

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all AGS parents and Fenton community members for your continued support of our academic programs. I am confident that with your help, we will continue to be successful in the next school year, and we will again demonstrate progress toward achieving our academic goals.

Sincerely,

Eric Rettenmund

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