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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 2013-2014 educational progress for the Waterliet Public School District 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 Kevin Schooley in Central Office for help if you need assistance. The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.watervlietps.org or you may review a copy in the principal's office at your child's school.

The report contains the following information:

Student Assessment Data – Elementary or middle school assessment results on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), high school assessment results on Michigan Merit Exam (MME), and assessment results for students with disabilities on Michigan's Alternative Assessment Program (MI-Access or MEAP-Access)

- Presents achievement data for all five tested subjects (mathematics, reading, science, social studies and writing) compared to targets for all students as well as subgroups of students.
- Helps parents understand achievement progress within schools and compare these to district and State achievement.

Accountability Scorecard – Detail Data and Status

Information is provided for the district and each school related to achievement targets in reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies answering questions like:

- Did the district (and schools) meet achievement targets for all students and subgroups of students?
- Did the district (and schools) meet achievement growth targets for all students and subgroups of students?

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 & 8

Review the table below listing our schools. The state has identified some schools with the status of Reward, Focus or Priority. A Reward school is one that is outperforming other schools in achievement, growth, or is performing better than other schools with a similar student population. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap in 30% of its student achievement scores. A Priority schools is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no status label is given.

School Name	Status Label	Key initiative to accelerate achievement
South Elementary School	Focus	Multi-Tiered System of Support
North Elementary School	Focus	Multi-Tiered System of Support
Watervliet Middle School	None	Multi-Tiered System of Support
Watervliet High School	None	Multi-Tiered System of Support
W-A-Y Watervliet High School	None	Multi-Tiered System of Support

Over the past year we have implemented a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) approach to help close the achievement gap and assist all learners. The MTSS is a framework that utilizes individual student achievement data to identify the learning needs of each student to provide appropriate levels of academic support. With the MTSS, we are able to individualize students' classroom experiences to help them reach their learning potential.

Overall, we are pleased with our progress and are grateful for the opportunity to educate the children of Watervliet!

Sincerely,

Kevin Schooley

Kevin Schooley, Superintendent