

West Bloomfield School District

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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 West Bloomfield High 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 Mr. Pat Watson, Principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: <http://wbsd.org/westbloomfieldhs> or you may review a copy in our main office at your child's school.

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 school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state.

For 2013-2014, West Bloomfield High School was named a Focus School because the school has a large student achievement gap between the top 30% of highest achieving students and the bottom 30% of lowest achieving students across the tested subjects (mathematics, reading, science, social studies and writing). We are actively working to address our achievement gap by developing intervention strategies for struggling students, providing mentoring, academic support and tutoring opportunities, and providing focused support within our school improvement plans for most at-risk subgroups. Information used to rank schools is based on the development of the Top to Bottom list of schools and their performance.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

- All students in grades nine through twelve reside in the West Bloomfield School district or have previously attended in the district under the schools of choice program. Interested families can apply to attend the district's other high school programs: Oakland Early College (OEC), Oakland Opportunity

Academy (OOA) or the International Academy (Process unchanged from the 2012-2013 school year).

- School Improvement Goals were developed at the end of the 2013-2014 school year in consultation with staff, parents and students. These goals are driven by student achievement data as well. For the 2014-2015 school year, WBHS will be focusing on mathematics and on Informational Reading and

Writing in the content areas (the same goals as in the 2013-2014 school year).

- Curriculum and graduation requirements are aligned with the state. Specific information on courses and curriculum can be found on the school and district websites (www.wbsd.org). These have not changed in the last two years.

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- In the 2013-2014 school year, 93% of students were represented by at least one parent at parent teacher conferences. In the previous year, 92% were represented.

- In the 2013-2014 school year, 23 students participated in postsecondary enrollment options (up 4 from the previous year). West Bloomfield High School also had 502 students take 903 Advanced Placement tests in 25 course areas. Seventy-five percent (75%) of students scored a "three" or better

(In the previous year, 469 students took 804 exams, with 76% scoring a "3" or better).

We are very proud of our students' achievements and look forward to continued growth and progress in making every student a successful citizen.

Educationally Yours,

Patrick Watson, Principal