

West Bloomfield School District

WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
NATIONAL EXEMPLARY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Abbott Middle School and the West Bloomfield School District are dedicated to providing all students with the educational foundation necessary to succeed in school and in life. To ensure your child's success, we set high standards that are reflected in what is taught in our classrooms. Each school in Michigan is required to assess students every year on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP). The results of these tests, as well as participation on the tests and graduation rates, are used to determine whether schools, particularly Title I schools, are making adequate yearly progress (AYP).

These test scores are also used to determine the state Focus Schools list. Focus Schools are schools that have the largest gaps between the scores of the highest and the lowest-achieving students. This year Abbott Middle School is identified for improvement as a Focus School.

The purpose of this letter is to reaffirm our commitment to the success of ALL students and to inform you that we are still working to improve. To increase learning outcomes for all of our students, we are taking the following action steps over the course of the school year:

- Participate in a Needs Assessment to identify strengths and challenges in our school; the assessment will also include recommendations for improvement.
- Implement our School Improvement Plan and examine a variety of data to ensure we are making progress.
 - Data includes but is not limited to:
 - MEAP, DRP, ACT Explore, Locally developed formative assessments
- Engage parents/guardians and our school community in our improvement efforts.
- The school and district are collaborating with Michigan State University to better understand the school's strengths and weaknesses by looking at the achievement data more closely and to make changes in how instruction is delivered in the classroom toward closing the achievement gap.
- The school is working with Oakland Schools to develop and implement new strategies for classroom instruction to improve teaching methods and enhance student achievement.
- The school is implementing the Superintendent's Dropout Challenge to assist students at-risk of dropping out of school.
- The district will monitor and evaluate the Focus School's School Improvement Plan.
- The school will implement professional learning on research-based interventions aligned to building's needs assessment.
- The school will provide weekly time for teacher collaboration and data review.

We are committed to continued growth as we work together to support our most valuable resource, our children.

Sincerely,

Amy Hughes
Principal