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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 McBain Jr./Sr. 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. Ryan Biller, High School Principal or Mr. David Wissner, Middle School Principal for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: http://bit.ly/2uK154Y, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

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. 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. McBain Jr./Sr. High School has not been given one of these labels.

The key challenges for the school continue to be centered around improving student achievement and increasing social/emotional supports for all students. Efforts to increase our graduation rate and attendance to school have been put in motion. Our plan includes a focus on best practice strategies, attendance policy incentives and frequent monitoring, updated math curriculum, and to increase academic supports before/after school. High School teachers have been trauma trained and look to support students in a caring and patient manner.

All resident McBain students are assigned to the Jr/Sr High School based upon guidelines set forth by the Board of Education. We are housed in a K-12 building complex and all students are assigned appropriately from the close communication of our teachers, counselors, & administrative team. The district also participates in a School of Choice Agreement with the local schools within the Wexford-Missaukee Intermediate School District. McBain Jr/Sr High School is a fully comprehensive public high school servicing all students and does not have any specialized schools.

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Our Jr/Sr High School currently has a School Improvement Plan that has been created using Advance Ed criteria approved by the Michigan Department of Education. McBain Jr/Sr High School staff have used school achievement scores and individual student assessment data to develop 5 year improvement goals. These goals include a focus of data analysis, staff development, and changes to instructional delivery. A copy of the current School Improvement Plan is available in the main office of the school if you would like to review. We are currently in the last year of a 5 year plan. We are shifting goals to develop a new 5 year plan centered around social and emotional supports, improved math scores, and quality instruction that embeds literacy components necessary for student success.

The Michigan Merit Curriculum is the driving force in determining graduation requirements. The McBain Board of Education also establishes additional curriculum requirements for all graduating seniors. Our curriculum is based on National Common Core Standards (CCSS) and State Standards set by the Michigan Department of Education. For more information on McBain High School core curriculum, please go to McBain Rural Agricultural Schools website at https://bit.ly/2TTs1cE to review our curriculum guide. Students and parents may also obtain a physical copy of the curriculum from the High School office. If you would like to review the Michigan Merit Curriculum, please go to https://bit.ly/2U23132 for the Michigan Merit Curriculum/Graduation Requirements.

Aggregated student achievement data for McBain Jr/Sr High School can be found at the MDE Parent Dashboard found at http://bit.ly/2ldwx3x. This data dashboard includes school performance data from M-Step, SAT, and MI-Access tests, as well as, attendance, teacher performance, and discipline rates. This data is used to monitor student growth and identify areas of improvement around instructional delivery.

At McBain High School, we believe strongly in providing post-secondary courses and options for online learning to our students. These offerings include Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement and online courses. During the 2017-18 school year, MHS had 66 students take at least one Dual Enrollment course. We also had 52 Advanced Placement students in three different AP courses, and 47 students who participated in at least one online class. Below is the 5-year trend data for students earning a 3 or better on their AP exams. MHS is proud of our continuous improvement over the last three years.

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The success of our high school depends greatly on the support of families, staff, and our community. Last year, we had 22% family participation at our parent teacher conferences. We encourage our families and the community to become involved in their students’ education by regularly communicating with teachers and becoming active members in our organizations and boosters.

As principal, I am proud of the work being done by our school community. We are passionate in helping our students find success and believe in their ability to achieve. Thank you for your continued support as we work every day to support our students.

Sincerely,

Ryan J. Biller

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Principal