



## Office of Student Affairs

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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 2015-16 educational progress for Ypsilanti Community Middle School (YCMS). 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 Aaron Rose, [arose@ycschools.us](mailto:arose@ycschools.us), for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [www.ycschools.us](http://www.ycschools.us) or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2016-17 year, no new Priority or Focus schools were named; some Priority or Focus schools did exit their status because they met the exit criteria. New Reward schools were identified using school rankings and Beating the Odds information. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap between the highest and lowest achieving 30% of schools. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Reward school is one that has achieved one or more of the following distinctions: top 5% of schools on the Top-to-Bottom School Rankings, top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement (improvement metric), or "Beating the Odds" by outperforming the school's predicted ranking and/or similar schools. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases no label is given.

Ypsilanti Community Middle School was identified as a Priority School. One of the key challenges that we face in regards to our priority status is the proficiency rate of our bottom 30% and the overall proficiency rates in Social Studies for all subgroups. YCMS is currently a school-wide Title One building, which allows all students to receive academic assistance. Our School Improvement team is currently working diligently alongside parents, teachers and central office to close the academic gap within our school as we intentionally target the noted areas of needed growth. We have employed programs and various Response to Intervention (RTI) such as increasing English Language Arts and Mathematics instructional time to 90 minutes to support all subgroups (Tier 1) as well as implementation of Read 180 and Math 180 for targeted support for our bottom 30% (Tier 2).

### State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. Ypsilanti Community Schools is a School of Choice district and students may enroll in our school until capacity is met.
2. YCMS is entering year three of Priority Status. [YCMS Priority Plan and unpacking tool Link](#)
3. Ypsilanti Community Middle School (YCMS) offers targeted instructional support for 6th graders, ensuring purposeful, exploratory learning. In 7th grade, all students follow a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) focused program. In 8th grade, the ACTech drives an Arts, Communication, Technology program. This enriching, varied approach prepares students for high school where they can choose a path in ACTech or STEMM Middle College ( Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and Manufacturing).
4. [YCS District Curriculum Intranet Site Link](#)
5. Tables below illustrates NWEA and M-Step data for YCMS over the past two to three school years



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NWEA Reading Scores	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Fall 2015-16	198.8	203.4	206.7
Normative Data	211	214.4	217.2
Spring 2015-16	206.6	210.1	212.9
Normative Data	215.8	218.2	220.1

NWEA Math Scores	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Fall 2015-16	204.1	207.4	211.1
Normative Data	217.6	222.6	226.3
Spring 2015-16	214.5	216.4	219.4
Normative Data	225.3	228.6	230.9

6. Ypsilanti Community Middle School had 125 students represented by families at our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences. This represents 30% of our total student body.

Ypsilanti Community Middle School is committed to constantly improving the culture of achievement. It is vital to be proactive and innovative to keep up with the changes in education to best serve and educate our students. We will continue to work alongside our parents, students, and community to ensure that our students are provided an opportunity to receive a quality education that will prepare them for college and career-related opportunities.

Sincerely,

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