



Potterville Public Schools

420 North High Street, Potterville, MI 48876

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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 Potterville Middle 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. Leale for assistance at (517) 645-4777.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: www.pps.k12.mi.us.squarespace.com or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

Potterville Public Schools is dedicated to the philosophy that a student-centered learning environment and parental involvement are integral to the success of each student. For this reason, the district has adopted the work of Dr. Grant Chandler: his Rapid Turnaround blueprint will fulfill our intention of making Potterville Public Schools more academically successful.

Rapid Turnaround provides the school district with the following attributes: (1) a routine approach in making data-driven decisions about teaching and learning practices, (2) aligning curriculum and content, (3) focusing on innovative strategies to better assist students with a wide array of needs, and (4) systematic and automatic opportunities for intervention, reflection and revision. By building this foundation, Potterville Public Schools is looking to enhance our educational outcomes while maintaining stakeholder relationships to ensure positive results. The urgency of embracing this initiative reiterates our priority of creating an atmosphere that cultivates your child's well-being, daily school experience, and overall educational success.

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.

Our school was identified as a Reward School. This recognition, according to the Michigan Department of Education, was based on the growth made as we fell into the top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement.



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State law requires that we also report additional information. State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Potterville Public Schools has a centralized enrollment process that assigns students to a grade level and school based on residency boundaries established by the district. Individual student records are reviewed for appropriate grade level placement.
2. Our school improvement plan is current and aligned to our Rapid Turnaround work.
3. Our curriculum guide is available on our school website page and copies of curriculum materials can be reviewed in our school office. The middle school curriculum encompasses Michigan grade level content expectations and Common Core standards. A complete revision of our curriculum is currently underway in alignment with our Rapid Turnaround work.

Our attendance at parent-teacher conferences remain steady with 76% of parents attending.

I want to thank you for your support of Potterville Middle School. We will continue to work toward a greater level of achievement and opportunities for our students.

Sincerely,

Nathan Leale

Potterville Middle School Principal