

# GAYLORD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

An NCA Accredited School District



Gaylord Middle School

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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 2019-20 educational progress for Gaylord 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 Joe Somerville, Principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web <https://bit.ly/3tKjXhc> site, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2019-20 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. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. 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. Our school has not been given one of these labels.

Due to the Pandemic, the State of Michigan did not administer the M-Step assessments during the 2019-2020 school year. Our 2018-2019 data reflects Gaylord Middle School has performed at or above state averages. Our goal is to continually improve proficiency levels. Specifically, we continue to focus on getting more students involved with before and after school tutoring. Gaylord Middle School realizes the importance of making connections with students. "GMS Connect" identifies our lower achieving students creating one more layer of support to help make these students successful. With the pandemic this year some of our before and after school support has been limited.

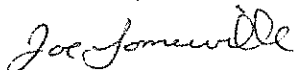
It has been more difficult connecting with parents during the pandemic. Typically, Gaylord Middle School hosts a VIP night for parents in September. Surveys from the night have always been overwhelmingly positive. This year Gaylord Middle

School had a virtual open house to start the year. Typically 60% of our parents attend the VIP night while 55% of our parents attend fall conferences.

Gaylord Middle School provides a six period day. Students are randomly assigned to their core classes and are given the opportunity to select two electives. Gaylord Middle School offers a comprehensive and challenging curriculum which includes advanced placement mathematics and high school credit opportunities in Earth Science, Algebra, and Spanish. We are proud to offer wide range of athletic extracurricular activities including numerous clubs (robotics, archery and cross country ski).

As a school, we engage in monthly professional development which intentionally examines our teaching and assessing of students. Data from our stakeholders, teachers and students is overwhelmingly positive. We realize there is always room for improvement. By making connections, building relationships with parents and continuing to improve our teaching we can accomplish our mission which is to provide a quality education that inspires students to achieve their potential and become productive citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Somerville".

Joe Somerville  
Principal