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Dear Viking Families:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2023-24 educational progress for Whitehall District Schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact CJ Van Wieren, Superintendent, for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by clicking [HERE](#), or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. Each school will also be communicating their own AER to parents directly.

These reports contain the following information:

**Student Assessment Data**

- Includes the following three assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT
- Presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and MI-Access science for grades 4, 7, and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students.

**School Accountability Data**

- Includes information on schools' performance on various measures such as student proficiency and growth on state assessments, graduation, and attendance rates. Performance is measured on 0-100 index scales
- Reports schools identified under three federally required categories for further support: Comprehensive Support and Improvement, Targeted Support and Improvement, and Additional Targeted Support

**Educator Qualification Data**

- Identifies the number and percentage of inexperienced teachers, principals, and other school leaders
- Reports teachers who are teaching with emergency or provisional credentials
- Includes teachers who are not teaching in the subject or field for which they are certified

**NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)**

- Provides state results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8

**Civil Rights Data**

- Provides information on school quality, climate and safety. Review the table below listing our schools.

Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2024-25 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2023-24. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had 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 was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or had a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no status label is given.

<b>School Name</b>	<b>Status Label</b>	<b>Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement</b>
Shoreline Elementary	No Label	N/A
Ealy Elementary	No Label	N/A
Whitehall Middle School	No Label	N/A
Whitehall High School	No Label	N/A

Whitehall District Schools continues to lead regionally in educational programming. We are committed to working with our stakeholders to build a better school district. If you have any questions or ideas please contact me at [cjvanwieren@whitehallschools.net](mailto:cjvanwieren@whitehallschools.net) or by phone at 231.893.1010. We appreciate your commitment to Whitehall District Schools and look forward to continuing our successful partnership.

Sincerely,



CJ Van Wieren  
 Superintendent  
 Whitehall District Schools