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School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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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 2016-17 educational progress for Thorne Elementary. 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 Ms. Kristen Kajoian, Principal for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://westwoodschoools.net/about-westwood/annual-education-reports/>, to view our school data visit the following website <https://goo.gl/ac8Pxi> 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 new 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 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. 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.

At Tomlinson, we are constantly working to improve. We appreciate the continuous support of parents, staff and our community in this effort. As we continue to use the Common Core State Standards within mathematics, English language arts and social studies, and integrate the Next Generation Science Standards into our science units, we are committed to ensuring that all students are provided with the support and enrichment needed for them to learn and grow. We are pleased to be utilizing Rubicon Atlas as a platform for curriculum development. In an effort to increase student

academics and close achievement gaps amongst our subgroups, we will continue to monitor student progress through the use of NWEA Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments. Additionally, we are in our fourth year of implementing iLit, a reading intervention program. All 7th and 8th graders participate in a blended math curriculum from Carnegie Learning where students have a block of classroom instruction and a block of lab work daily. Tomlinson offers Lego Robotics to as an elective to support hands-on discovery learning. We are committed to working collaboratively to meet the diverse needs of all of our learners.

1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Tomlinson Middle School is a part of the Westwood Community School District, which is a school of choice district. Students from across Wayne County may register to attend Tomlinson Middle School.

2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Tomlinson Middle School continues to strive for improvement. Our staff is focused on providing academic excellence through a proactive learning environment that both challenges and inspires all students. Throughout the course of the 2016-17 school year, the School Improvement Team (SIT) met monthly in order to analyze student achievement data from multiple sources, and to establish improvement goals within all content areas. Moving forward, we will continue to nurture a culture where all constituents (district officials, school leaders, teachers/staff, parents, students, community members) contribute to a cumulative, purposeful and positive effect on student learning, all the while raising student achievement; implement best practices strategies building-wide; deepen our understanding and use of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs); utilize common assessments in order to monitor our continuous progress in our goal areas; additional professional development (PD) will be provided to all staff members in order to deepen their understanding of working with students who are at-risk. A link to the plan is located at <http://westwoodschoools.net/departments/curriculum/> . You may also get a copy within either the Primary or Intermediate Office.

3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF TOMLINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Tomlinson Middle School services grades 7 and 8. Students receive instruction in all of the core curriculum areas as well as instruction in physical and health education, engineering, and music. Additionally, students receive core curriculum instruction via on and off-campus field trips, as well as offerings via community partnerships with Wayne Metro, the Boy Scouts of America (Explorers), Starfish, Beaumont Teen Health and Hegira Health Services.

4. HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE'S MODEL

The core curriculum at Tomlinson Middle School has been aligned to the Common Core State Standards adopted by the State of Michigan for 7th-8th grade. If you would like to access a copy, please contact Kristen Kajoian.

5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

Tomlinson Middle School continues to utilize data from locally developed unit assessments, as well as nationally normed achievement assessment data from the NWEA MAP Assessments. Our students continue to make improvements within all content areas tested math, language and science as compared to their baseline (fall) and end-of-year (spring) testing results.

6. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

During the 2017-18 school year, an average of 87 percent of our parents attended a conference (fall and spring combined).

This Annual Education Report gives us insight into what our students need to be successful. The staff members at Tomlinson Middle School work hard to enhance the educational programs provided to the students. Parents and community members can become involved in making Tomlinson Middle School an even better place by signing up to be a part of our School Improvement Teams. Please contact the building principal for more information.

Sincerely,

Kristen Kajoian
Principal