



Otsego Public Schools

Annual Education Report 2015-16

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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 Otsego Public Schools and our 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 the Superintendent for help if you need assistance.

The Annual Education Reports for the district and buildings are available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website: [2015-16 District Annual Report](#), or you may review a copy in the administration office. Each school will also have a copy of its report and will 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 science for grades 4, 7, and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students. The report helps users to understand achievement performance within grades and schools, and to make comparisons to district, state, and national achievement benchmarks.

Accountability Scorecard – Detail Data and Status

The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability scorecard status.

Teacher Qualification Data

- Identifies teacher qualifications at district and school levels
- Reports percentage of core academic classes taught by teachers not considered highly qualified to teach such classes

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

Review the table below listing our schools. 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

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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 status label is given.

School Name	Status Label	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement
Alamo Elementary	No label	
Dix Street Elementary	No label	
Washington Street Elementary	No label	
Otsego Middle School	No label	
Otsego High School	No label	

We are very proud of what our staff and students accomplish at Otsego Public Schools. We are in year three of a three-year RTI (Response to Intervention) plan, have put additional focus on reading and are constructing the next three-year plan to continue the great progress of individualized instruction. In 2015-16, we implemented a second year of 30 delayed-start days to allow teachers consistent time to work together in their professional learning communities and as a building to analyze data, instructional practices and find best practices as well as engage in professional development. We have a staff that is always learning along with our students; this gives them an edge in finding ways to help our students excel. We encourage parents and community members to be a part of the process and get involved in our Parent/Teacher organizations and/or serve as volunteers in our schools. Call any main office to get involved. As we look toward the next school year, we are working, as we do each year, to improve the learning experiences for every student at Otsego. I look forward to another great year!

Sincerely,



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District Overview

Enrollment

Alamo Elementary School	255
Dix Street Elementary	318
Washington Street Elementary	413
Otsego Middle School	550
Otsego High School	660
Total enrollment for 2015-16:	2196

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Certified Teaching Staff	
Alamo Elementary School	18.5
Dix Street Elementary	23
Washington Street Elementary	26
Otsego Middle School	33
Otsego High School	33
Total Teaching Staff	133.5

Strategic Plan 2015-16

Vision

Expect Excellence

Mission Statement

Otsego Public Schools is a student-centered learning community empowering every individual to achieve excellence.

Goals

- Teaching and Learning: Guarantee rigorous, relevant learning opportunities for all students.
- Finance and Operations: Ensure the effective use of district resources and facilities to enhance both the learning community and greater community.
- Community Services and Public Relations: Cultivate relationships with students, parents and the community to increase educational opportunities and partnerships.
- School Culture and Climate: Continue to build a district-wide culture of respect for self and others.

Beliefs

- All students can excel.
- Education and learning are the responsibility of the entire community including
- Teaching and learning depend upon communication and collaboration among the school, student, family and the community.
- Schools must provide a safe, respectful and caring learning environment.
- Learning improves when educators use data and research-based practices to guide instruction.
- A well-rounded education instills knowledge, skills and social responsibility.
- Our professional learning community supports life-long learning for staff and students.

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Points of Pride

- Two Otsego Destination Imagination teams competed in the Global Finals in May in Tennessee. The MS group placed 34th, and the HS team placed 6th out of 81 teams!
- Dix Street Elementary 1st grade teacher, Gina Watson, was named Educator of the Year for Otsego Public Schools by the Otsego Chamber of Commerce.
- Senior Ashtyn Rankin received the Kalamazoo Area YWCA Young Woman of Achievement award.
- Our students fundraising efforts for charity totaled more than \$25,000 in the 2015-16 school year.
- Otsego received an MASB/SET SEG Education Excellence award and \$2500 grant for our Lego lab and Beyond elementary robotics programs.
- Thirty-seven teachers were nominated for the county-wide award Outstanding People for Education. The district chooses three winners each year. The 2016 winners were Julie Guthrie, OHS Food Service Coordinator; Brian Sparks, Wrestling Coach and Grounds/Maintenance workers at OPS and Jennifer Loomis, 5th grade teacher at Washington Street Elementary.
- Otsego had six Girls on the Run teams compete in a 5K in May.
- Nineteen students' artwork will be displayed in China as a part of the China Art Exchange Program through the Michigan State University Extension. This is the 15th year Otsego has participated in this program.
- Otsego High School held three blood drives collecting approximately 140 units.



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Points of Pride cont.

- Our elementary staff joined forces in a friendly volleyball tournament to raise money and canned goods for a local food pantry. The event brought in more than \$250 and 460 food items. In addition, every school building conducted its own food drive bringing in more than 13,000 items.
- Thirty-two boys participated in the Boyz on the Move, a self-esteem building program for 4th/5th grade boys.
- Otsego High School's Athletic Department had 230 students receive scholar-athlete recognition. OHS had 70 student athletes earn All-Conference Honors and 15 student-athletes earn All-State honors.
- The Otsego Public Schools' Foundation gave back \$17,500 to our teachers in the form of mini grants.
- Our Jump Rope for Heart participation raised almost \$13,000 for the American Heart Association.
- Our elementary students assembled more than 200 plates of homemade cookies to donate to Wings of Hope Hospice families before Christmas.
- Otsego has robotics programs offered to 1st-12th grades.
- Twenty-one students graduated with a 4.0 GPA or higher in the 2016 graduating class.
- Students collected hundreds of books and thousands of bottles of water to help with the Flint water crisis.



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