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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 2021-22 educational progress for the W-A-Y Niles. 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 Dr. Ann Bingham for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site , or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

https://www.mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-1?Common_Locations=1-S,12657,1415,67

For the 2021-22 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 was identified as a Comprehensive Support and Improvement School.

The W-A-Y Niles Program is designed to help every student with their own unique interests, skills and ways of learning. The program provides a personalized learning experience for students who struggle with traditional high school. Students in the W-A-Y Program become researchers and develop customized standards-based learning plans with a Mentor around topics that truly appeal to them. Highly-qualified W-A-Y teachers assess and align all projects according to state content standards, ensuring that each student completes the programs with a high school diploma.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

W-A-Y Niles is an alternative education program. Parents can access enrollment info and forms on our website or call for information.



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School Improvement Plan

The 3-5 year School Improvement Plan can be found on our website as well as in the school office.

Description of school

W-A-Y Niles offers a blended learning model with access to a project based website with face-to-face lab time.

Access to Core Curriculum

As mandated by the State of Michigan, Niles Community Schools has developed a core curriculum at all school levels. Outcomes to be achieved by all students have been defined based upon the district's educational mission, student performance objectives, and the Michigan Common Core State Standards for K-12 students. Copies of core curriculum are available at all buildings and at the district office.

AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DATA

Percent of Students Meeting/Exceeding Projected RIT Growth on NWEA

School Year	Reading	Math
2019-2020	n/a	n/a
2020-2021	n/a	n/a

The W-A-Y Program will continue to work with each student to accomplish their dreams and aspirations of receiving a diploma. Each mentor communicates and encourages the W-A-Y students on their caseload. Home visits, social media, and phone calls continue to be the best communication between mentors and students. The W-A-Y Program encourages students to succeed and build self esteem, no matter what their life circumstances may be.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ann Bingham, Principal of WAY