

Gibraltar School District

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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 2017-18 educational progress for the Lakeshore Virtual 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 Ms. Danielle Zachary for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site, <http://bit.ly/2Iyz5Jt>, 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 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 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. * Note TSI and ATS definitions were changed for the 2018-19 school year per federal requirements. The new definitions are:

- TSI – The school has at least one subgroup performing in the bottom 25% within each applicable accountability index component.
- ATS – The school has met the criteria for TSI identification and has at least one subgroup performing at the same level as a CSI school.

Our school was identified as an ADDITIONAL TARGETED SUPPORT SCHOOL.

The Lakeshore Virtual School has seen an increase in continued attendance. This is due to increased diligence for weekly mentor contacts by implementing an administrative protocol for students who do not respond in the beginning of the week. In addition, we added the Remind app to add another form of communication with students and families and in 2018-19, additional staff will be added to help with mentor contacts. In 2017-18, not all students participated in state testing. To ensure that all students participate in state testing in 2018-19, all families were notified in advance at multiple times through a variety of communication (social media, mail, email, phone calls, and Google Hangouts/Remind). Any student that needed transportation was also addressed. In order to increase student proficiency, testing workshops and resources were provided to students on a weekly basis and action plans were developed for struggling students. We are committed to providing multiple supports for our students to ensure their success.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. Students in the Gibraltar School District are assigned to the school in their neighborhood, with busing provided as needed. Opportunities for intra-district and inter-district School of Choice are also available.

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2. Lakeshore is committed to improving. In regards to our school improvement plan, we have added many additional resources to support and enhance student learning. Last year, we added certified teachers in all content areas who are available to students each school day. Additionally, we have added opportunities for students to enroll in the Downriver Career and Technical Consortium (DCTC) which allows them to learn skilled trades on-site. Dual Enrollment was added this year to provide students the opportunity to earn college credit from local community colleges. Also, this year we offered students a PSAT/SAT Workshop to better prepare them and implemented MiStar for tracking attendance more efficiently with our mentor contact logs.
3. Lakeshore Virtual School serves Kindergarten through 12th grade students.
4. A copy of the standards in which our curriculum is based on can be found at <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>. It is implemented by the district administrators and curriculum director with the help of subject curriculum committees, and the district school improvement team. The district is in process of developing an online portal to store and share our curriculum documents.
5. M-Step and SAT scores for both school years of 2016-17 and 2017-18 were consistent with 20% of the student population being Proficient/Met the SAT mean score for each category. For the SAT in 2016-17 and 2017-18, 20% of students Met the SAT Mean Score.
6. Official parent-teacher conferences are held after the first quarter of the year. However, Lakeshore personnel consistently connects with parents and guardians throughout the year to keep them aware of student performance. All parents are given options on how to receive information regarding their child's performance. Parents can choose to receive emails daily or weekly, have information to log in to their child's learning platform to see their progress, and/or receive text or calls from their child's mentor. Parents and Teacher Mentors always have the ability to schedule face-to-face meetings whenever either party feels it is necessary.
7. Lakeshore Virtual School is committed to offering more postsecondary options for students. During the 2017-2018 school year, there were 2 students, 7.87% of the school's population, enrolled in advanced coursework. This is an increase from the previous year of 1 student. Lakeshore offered 11 courses that were available for AP credit. Dual Enrollment was not available in the 2017-2018 school year.

The Lakeshore Virtual School prides itself on being an online school with a community feel. We are consistently creating opportunities for students to learn and socialize in different ways. We are proud of all the positive remarks we have received from students and parents who have chosen to enroll with us. We are committed to continuing to provide students with a personalized online education that fits their individual educational needs which suits their future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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