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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 2024-25 educational progress for Derby Middle 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 Mr. Jack Gitler for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website https://www.mischooldata.org/annual-education-report-2/, or you may review a copy in the main office at your student's school.

For the 2025-26 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 2024-25. 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 in 2022-23. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state, had a graduation rate at or below 67%, or failed to exit ATS status in 2022-23. 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.

Derby is currently in the third year of implementing its school improvement plan. Our primary focus is on enhancing mathematics, English Language Arts, and Social Emotional Learning/Student wellness. The progress toward our goals will be monitored through I-Ready data, along with student, staff, and stakeholder surveys. During the 2025-2026 school year, we have implemented multiple intervention plans as part of our school improvement process.
BPS offers specialized schools to students within the district

- Birmingham Covington School is a 3-8 district-wide school of choice open to BPS students with a special emphasis on science and technology. Interested students may register to enroll. If there aren't enough spaces available, a lottery is held in January to select students for the upcoming school year.
- Lincoln Street Alternative High School seeks to develop the unique talents of their students by providing them the opportunity to acquire the skills,

knowledge, and attitude necessary to live successfully in a changing world. LSAHS provides a flexible learning environment in a family atmosphere that encourages student decision-making, critical thinking, understanding of and appreciation for individual and cultural differences, and good citizenship in our democratic society.

- BPS partners with the International Academy to offer the International Baccalaureate program to high school students. Currently, the district holds 80 seats for interested students accepted into the program.
- Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southeast is an extension of the high school program and provides nine educational clusters which are developed around a broad occupational area

BPS adheres to the Career and College Readiness academic standards and Michigan Merit Curriculum from the State of Michigan. Information on these can be found at the links above. In addition, our district continues to work to fully align our K12 curriculum with state and national standards. As work progresses on these efforts, information will be made available to parents on our district website under the Teaching and Learning Department page.

The district administers the i-Ready diagnostic assessments for Reading and Mathematics in grades K-8.

Derby Middle School has a firm commitment to the success of all students. Using the Multi-Tired Support System (MTSS), teacher teams identify students needing additional support. To help our students achieve academic success, we offer Directed Study, Math Lab, Reading Support, AER intervention in reading and high intensity tutoring. We also offer both before and after school support for homework, and project completion.

State law requires that we provide the following assessment data.
Percentage of Students scoring at Mid/Above or Early on Grade level

Spring 2023	School	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
i-Ready Reading	73%	69%	76%	74%
i-Ready Math	67%	73%	62%	66%

Spring 2024	School	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
i-Ready Reading	78%	74%	78%	81%
i-Ready Math	69%	75%	67%	67%

Spring 2025	School	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
i-Ready Reading	75%	67%	81%	77%
i-Ready Math	74%	80%	71%	72%

Derby is very fortunate to have engaged and involved families. Our Parent-teacher conference rate for the 2024-2025 school year was 95%.

We thank the Derby community for your continued support of our programs and activities. With your partnership, we have continued to provide our students an enriching and engaging middle school experiences. Please feel free to contact the district at 248-203-3025 for any additional information about our achievements.

Sincerely,

Jack Gitler
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