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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 Muskegon Lakeshore High School & Career Center. 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 School Leader, Ken Byard, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website [muskegonlakeshorehs.org](https://muskegonlakeshorehs.org) or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2025-26 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance, using definitions and labels as required by 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 2021-22. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Muskegon Lakeshore High School & Career Center has not been given one of these labels.

Our key challenges have been improving attendance and graduation rates. MLHS is working to address and improve graduation rates by focusing on student retention and achievement. Our Curriculum PLC's continue to work on providing a guaranteed and viable curriculum and the alignment of the curriculum. We are working to increase attendance through MTSS. Our mission is to ensure each student is supported academically, behaviorally, socially, and emotionally. Through the MTSS process we are working to remove barriers that make academic success difficult and ensuring we are meeting the needs of all students' through increasingly targeted interventions across three levels of support. MLHS will continue to focus on the retention and success of all students



State law requires we also report additional information.

1. Muskegon Lakeshore High School & Career Center is a year-round school that has an open enrollment policy. The enrollment process involves completing an enrollment packet, a hearty orientation process in which the student and family are educated on the expectations of all students and other policies and procedures associated with being a student at MLHS. All enrolling students are assigned to MLHS, a one-building district.
2. Muskegon Lakeshore High School & Career Center is in its fifth year of an Academic Revamp as a part of its school improvement plan. Phase one of this Revamp included the implementation of a new curriculum, StrongMinds, and an instructional model that focuses on blended/hybrid learning. Phase two included more structured time in the classroom, moving from students taking one to two classes at a time and also the introduction of six terms throughout the school year (as opposed to one, year long term). Phase three, which we are currently in, focuses on the creation of a guaranteed and viable curriculum. Throughout this phase, MLHS will also place a major focus on developing a more hearty MTSS process and improving intervention programs and Tiered systems of support within the classrooms.
3. Muskegon Lakeshore High School & Career Center provides at-risk, dropout youth ages 15-22, the opportunity to earn a high school diploma, improve their life skills, and continue on to post-secondary education or employment. MLHS focuses on youth who are dropouts, homeless, living in poverty, teen parents or expectant parents, and those that have been disenfranchised by working to break down barriers so students have the opportunity to achieve their high school diploma. We offer a blended learning program and flexible, year-round classes that enables us to provide an individualized education for each student which allows them to work at their own pace. Our staff works towards preventing poverty, underachievement, and homelessness for our students, while offering hope, encouragement, and greater opportunities for success while on the path to earning their high school diploma.
4. MLHS follows a blended instructional model. Our students use an online curriculum, Edmentum. Our highly-qualified content area teachers deliver the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) to our students.

5. Results from the NWEA Assessment for the previous two years are as follows:

| NWEA Math Average RIT Score    |              |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Fall 2023-24                   | Fall 2024-25 | Fall 2025-26 |
| 211                            | 209          | 211          |
| NWEA Reading Average RIT Score |              |              |
| Fall 2023-24                   | Fall 2024-25 | Fall 2025-26 |
| 209                            | 209          | 211          |

- Muskegon Lakeshore High School & Career Center will have two parent-teacher conferences during the school year that are scheduled on our school calendar. Teachers are available to meet with parents and students and discuss academic progress. When students are struggling either academically, emotionally, engagement-wise, etc, the staff at MLHS will meet with that student, including parents/guardians when appropriate, to discuss the present level and come up with a plan for success.
- Muskegon Lakeshore High School & Career Center currently does not have any students that are a part of a dual enrollment program or Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate classes or currently taking classes that would lead to college credit.

In closing, I am proud of the accomplishments of our students and graduates and am encouraged with all of the continued hard work and dedication of our staff as they work to further the educational goals of our students. We continue to build and implement systems to enable all students to make progress towards earning their diploma and becoming MLHS alumni that are successful and contributing citizens of our community.

Sincerely,

*Ken Byard*

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