

# EQUITY

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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 Detroit Leadership Academy 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 Sarah Campbell, Senior Managing Director of Programs, at EQUITY Education at 313-977-9178 for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://bit.ly/2tRWyNp>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. Each school will also 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 MI-Access 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 – Detail Data and Status**

The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability index values showing school performance on a 0-100 scale.

**Teacher Qualification Data**

- Identifies the number and percentage of inexperienced teachers, principals, and other school leaders Reports teachers who are teaching with emergency or provisional credentials
- Includes teachers who are not teaching in the subject or field for which they are certified



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

Civil Rights Data

- Provides information on school quality, climate and safety

Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2017-18 school year, schools were identified using new 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. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no status 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.

School Name	Status Label	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement
Detroit Leadership Academy Elementary School	No LABEL SCHOOL	Lower chronic absenteeism and improve academics through teacher coaching and development
Detroit Leadership Academy Middle/High School	CSI	Lower chronic absenteeism, reduce suspensions, improve academics through teacher coaching and development



The Academy's vision is to be a remarkable neighborhood school. Providing a highly challenging, stimulating and supportive environment that unlocks the potential of all children and adults as leaders, pioneering the way to equity and excellence.

At the Academy are excited for the relationships we have built between our schools and our families. We also acknowledge that we have room to grow. At the Elementary School our students and teachers will focus their work on guided reading and intervention. At the Middle/High School the teachers will continue their work with lesson plan feedback and observation. Continued achievement and reflection upon our instructional practices is Important to the Academy to support our students. The Academy believes that our students are champions who have experienced and demonstrated success within and across their academic content areas, extracurricular and leadership opportunities who are prepared to take advantage of opportunities in a changing society. They are college-ready, career-focused and community minded. During the remainder of the 2018-19 school year, our families can expect to hear more about these and other exciting initiatives. We look forward to supporting our student champions and their families during the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,



Kerri Smith

Superintendent