



## Paw Paw Middle School

### Annual Education Report

August 18, 2014

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2013-2014 educational progress for the Paw Paw Middle School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Jerry McDaniel, principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://www.ppps.org/ppms/site/default.asp> or you may review a copy from the principal's office at your child's school.

For 2013-2014, Paw Paw Middle School (PPMS) made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics. While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, we are continuously working to improve. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

**PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL** – Students who reside in the Paw Paw Public School district or participate in Schools of Choice may attend Paw Paw Public Schools. For Schools of Choice information, please contact Barb Atkinson at the Central Office.

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT** – Spring 2011, Paw Paw Public Schools hosted a Quality Assurance Review team from the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement. Paw Paw Public Schools received District Accreditation, a nationally-recognized mark of quality for our district and all the schools within our district. District Accreditation is a rigorous process that demonstrates to our students, parents, and community that we are focused on raising student achievement, providing safe and enriching learning environments, and maintaining efficient and effective operations staffed by highly qualified educators.

Our school improvement team is constantly striving for greatness. We are implementing a new advisory program for the 2013-2014 school year and making continual progress developing Professional Learning Communities.

**SPECIALIZED SCHOOL PROGRAMS** – Paw Paw Public Schools provides educational support services to students who have Limited English Proficiency as determined by oral, written and reading language arts assessments and to eligible students who need support when

their education has been interrupted because of migratory status. Services are coordinated and implemented by the Intermediate School District.

Resource Rooms and a self-contained room provide academic and behavior support for mild/moderate special education students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Depending on the IEP, this support is delivered through inclusion, co-teaching, mainstreaming and pullout. Support services may also include Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy and Social Work.

Van Buren ISD operates Special Education programs including Early On, Early Intervention Program, Early Childhood Special Education Programs, Programs for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Emotional Impairment Programs, Severe Multiple Impairment Programs, Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Transportation Services, Visual Impairment Services, Orientation and Mobility Support Services, and Severe Cognitive Impairment Programs.

CORE CURRICULUM – Paw Paw Public Schools aligns its curriculum and assessments to the State of Michigan’s Core Curriculum. Student achievement is based on mastery of the Grade Level Content Expectations. Information on the Grade Level Content Expectation can be found at: [http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-22709\\_28463-162769--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-22709_28463-162769--,00.html)

In July 2010, the State of Michigan adopted the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). As a result in 2012-2013, we transitioned from the Grade Level Content Expectations to the Common Core State Standards in Math and Language Arts. New State assessments based on the Common Core State Standards are scheduled for Spring 2015. More information on the Common Core State Standards can be located at: <http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140--232021--,00.html>

PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES:  
Fall and Mid-Winter – 64%.

2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR-We are looking forward to this upcoming year and are confident that we can work together to continue to provide a quality education for your child. It is my promise to you that the staff at the middle school will work very hard throughout the year in order to maximize your child’s growth opportunities. Each day at the middle school, students are reminded that our goal is to become “College, Career, and Community ready”. With your support we will surely achieve that goal!

Yours in Education,

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