

## **Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter Middle School 2018-2019**

January 8, 2020

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2018-2019 educational progress for the **Pontiac Academy for Excellence 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 Dr. Thursenia DeHart-Jones for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://www.pontiacacademy.org/2019-2020-annual-reports/> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2018-2029 school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels as required in 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 label is given.

Pontiac Academy for Excellence Middle School has received none of the above labels.

Pontiac Academy for Excellence middle school will focus on student growth and proficiency. We believe in promoting the academic potential of every student. To improve greater student academic achievement, PAE will continue the programs listed below:

- MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Support) with a focus on Tier I instruction
- Positive Behavior Support initiatives (PBIS)
- Monthly grade level data team meetings with Director of Curriculum and Principal
- Monthly climate culture meetings with Home School Liaisons
- Using student academic data to individualize instruction
- Formative assessments and quarterly benchmark Assessments, Instructional Learning Cycles (ILCs)

- Increase professional development (PD) support for all instructional staff
- Incorporate the Eight Essential Practices for Mathematics

State law requires that we also report additional information.

**Process for Assigning Pupils to the School**

Pontiac Academy for Excellence Middle School practices open enrollment for all grades 6-8. If enrollment is full, a lottery process may be used if and when openings are available. Parents will be notified if the students are enrolled. Student report cards are thoroughly reviewed prior to enrollment to ensure class availability.

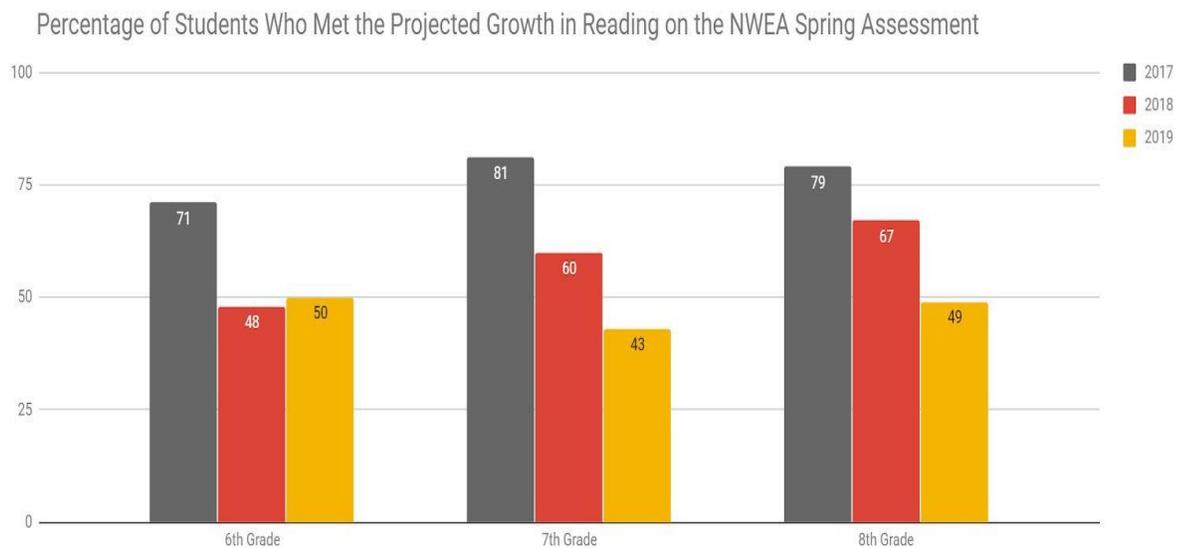
**The Status of the 3-5 Year School Improvement Plan**

Pontiac Academy for Excellence Middle School was developed and submitted to the state. This is a long-term plan to address aspects of instruction, learning, and school culture and climate, as well as operational and systems issues for the school and district. A copy of the School’s School Improvement Plan can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/y4wddzt4>.

**Identify how to access a copy of the core curriculum, a description of its implementation, an explanation of the variance from the states model**

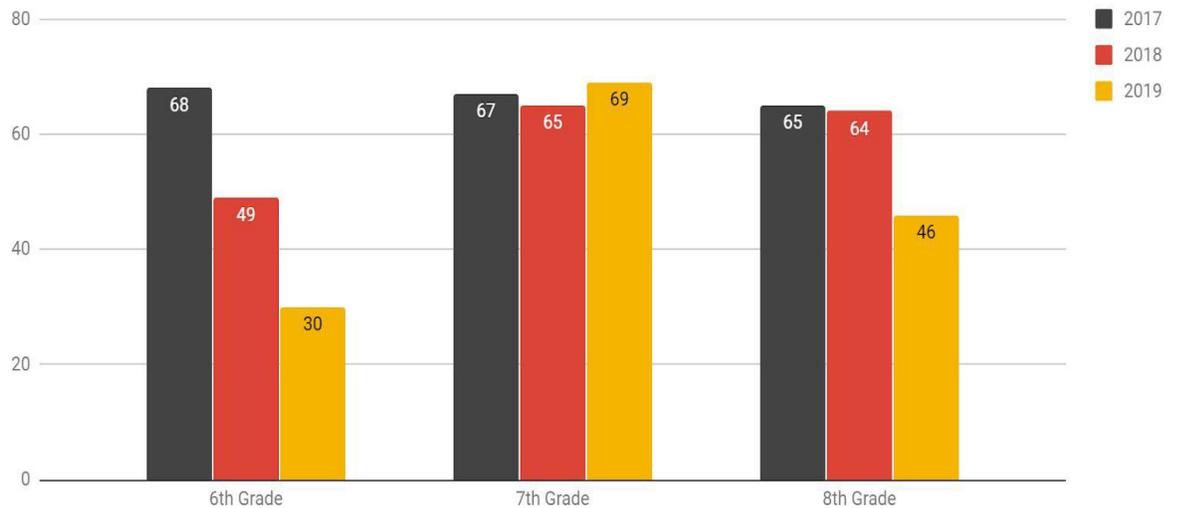
Information regarding curriculum can be found at [www.pontiacacademy.org](http://www.pontiacacademy.org).

**Local Assessments**



There was a settle decline in the number of students meeting their projected target on the NWEA 2019 Spring Assessment in 6th -8th grade

Percentage of Students Who Met the Projected Growth in Math on the NWEA Spring Assessment



**Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Year	Percentage in Attendance
2017-2018	11%
2018-2019	25%

We understand that the adolescent formative years are critically important educationally, socially etc. It is our goal to provide our student scholars with the opportunity to learn and grow in an environment that supports their needs. It is our goal to create and provide learning environments and supports that will lead to a pathway of excellence for each student as we promote Safety, Learning, Respect and Community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thursenia DeHart-Jones  
 Secondary Principal