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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 2017-2018 educational progress for Benzie Central 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 David Clasen, Principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.benzieschools.net, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

In 2017-2018, Benzie Middle School had solid student achievement growth on State of Michigan Assessments. In the areas of Math, English Language Arts, Social Studies and Science, BCMS outperformed state averages.

While we are pleased with the improved performance, we are constantly working to improve. We will continue to bring top quality educational experiences to all of our students through the continuous improvement processes established in the Marzano process and in implementing best practices for instruction as identified in Visible learning for teachers: maximizing impact on learning, Hattie, J. (2012). We want our students to take more ownership in their own learning, and to have supports in place for areas of deficiencies. BCMS Improvement Team has identified reading and comprehension of informational texts across the curriculum as the area of focus for the 2018-2019 school year.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Students who live within the designated school boundaries are able to attend Benzie Central High School. Additionally, parents may complete forms for In-District Schools of Choice if they reside within the Benzie Central Schools boundaries. For families who are not residents of Benzie Central Schools, they may apply for Out of District Schools of Choice. Please contact David Clasen, Principal, for assistance.
2. Benzie Central Middle School continues to implement its School Improvement Plan focusing on improving student performance in the area of Reading. Professional development and strategy instruction is targeted to improve this area.

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3. Curriculum is developed and implemented based on the Michigan Curriculum Framework. For a copy of the core curriculum, go to the Benzie Central Schools website at www.benzieschools.net or request a copy from the School office.

4. The Middle School experienced a 73% average attendance for parent teacher conferences.

While there are many natural ways to celebrate our co-curricular achievements, this past spring we celebrated our academic successes by holding an academic "Pep Assembly." We recognized the efforts of all our students and their role in achieving State and National academic rankings. We are very proud of our student's achievements inside and outside of the classroom.

We invite you to learn more about Benzie Central Middle School by visiting our website <http://www.benzieschools.net> or contacting the office at 231-882-4497.

Sincerely,

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