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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 2021-22 educational progress for Caro High 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 the high school office for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website, <u>https://tinyurl.com/AnnualEducationReport</u>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2021-22 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2021-22. 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 below 67% in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Caro High School has not been given one of these labels.

In good news, the Michigan Department of Education recognized Caro High School as a Reward School for the 2021-2022 school year. This rating is given to top schools and is based on several factors such as graduation rates and student participation, proficiency, and growth in regards to state assessments. We are very proud of our students' success.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

- 1. Students in grades 9-12 attend Caro High School or Caro Alternative High School.
- 2. Our School Improvement Plan continues to focus on having students increase standardized test scores by an appropriate amount for the given test every year that they are enrolled at Caro High School.
- 3. During their junior and senior years, students may choose to attend Career and Technical classes at the Tuscola Technology Center.

- Information regarding the Michigan Merit Curriculum and the requirements for graduation from Caro High School can be found at the following link: <u>Course</u> <u>Description Book 2022-23</u>
- 5. The Combined Report provides information regarding the SAT and MSTEP tests.
- 6. In-person parent/teacher conferences are held each fall. In 2021 25% of the students were represented by parents. In 2022 that number was 23%.
- 7. Caro High School had:
  - a. Less than 5% of CHS students in dual enrolled courses. Opportunities exist for our students through a partnership with Mid-Michigan College at the Tuscola Technology Center. Additional online opportunities have recently become available.
  - b. Eight Advanced Placement (AP) courses were offered in 2020-21. Seven Advanced Placement (AP) courses were offered in 2021-22.
  - c. 35 students or 11.7% of potential students took 70 AP tests in 2020-21. 42 students or 10.2% of potential students took 61 AP tests in 2021-22.
  - d. Of those students who took an AP test, 23 (or 66%) received a score of 3 or higher, earning credit at the college level in 2020-21. Of those students who took an AP test, 29 (or 69%) received a score of 3 or higher, earning credit at the college level in 2021-22.

The incredible efforts of our students, guidance from our dedicated staff, and overwhelming community support are the foundation of Caro High Schools' success. We are truly grateful for the opportunity to work collaboratively to Cultivate Excellence!

Sincerely,