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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 2022-23 educational progress for **Briarwood Elementary**. 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 me for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website [BRIARWOOD ELEMENARY SCHOOL'S ANNUAL EDUCATION REPORT](#) or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2023-24 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 2022-23. 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 had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. ***Our school was not given one of these labels.***

The Briarwood School Improvement Team has identified key areas for focus as part of the data analysis. One prominent challenge faced by Briarwood Elementary is student attendance, with inconsistent attendance and absences exceeding ten percent of the school year negatively impacting academic growth. In response, initiatives have been implemented, including campaigns to communicate positive messages about attendance to families, the introduction of a monthly HERO award for students with perfect monthly attendance, and the implementation of a silent mentor program.

Additionally, the team is directing attention to the realm of mathematics. Spring 2023 MSTEP data indicates an overall 2% gain in math scores for grades 3-5. Notably, 4th-grade math scores increased by 15%, reaching 25% proficiency compared to the previous year. However, 3rd and 5th-grade data reflected a decrease in MSTEP math scores. To address this, at-risk students in grades 3 and 5 are receiving extended day tutoring, utilizing Bridges Intervention Materials, and benefiting from High Dosage Math Support sponsored by the Macomb Intermediate School District. The addition of a 0.6 math specialist to the Briarwood Staff further enhances support, with the specialist analyzing data and providing daily assistance to identified students, with fluid group modifications quarterly based on data. The instructional time for math remains consistent at 80 minutes per day using the Bridges Instructional Tool for all students.

Reading scores from the MSTEP suggest a need for a focus on comprehension strategies. The Spring 2023 MSTEP ELA scores for grades 3-5 indicate an 8-point decrease. To address this, the school has implemented a plan to increase reading levels, involving two literacy coaches who concentrate on student-centered coaching driven by data. Levelled Literacy Intervention is offered to students in grades 2-5 showing indications of being at risk in reading. Extended day tutoring is also available to support learners struggling in this area. The literacy coaches have presented research-based comprehension strategies that can be used across the content areas in order to increase comprehension scores. The staff have reviewed the strategies every other month to establish an ongoing dialogue and focus on the strategies.

The current school improvement plan is in the implementation phase and is reviewed on an annual basis. The core curriculum is adopted and approved by our DSAT (district school improvement team) and can be located on our district website. Briarwood had a 93% of parents attend the 2022-2023 parent teacher conferences. We have an active PTC at Briarwood, and we encourage parents to be partners with teachers in the educational process.

We are extremely proud of the growth our students demonstrate each year. We applaud the growth that was observed on the 2023 MSTEP Math and are confident with our implementation of the school improvement plan, that students will continue to flourish.

Sincerely,

Christine Walter
Principal