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## School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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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 2021-2022 educational progress for Kennedy Learning Center. 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 Shawnta M. Alston for assistance.

The AER is available for your review electronically by visiting the following web site: <http://bit.ly/3afadykc> or you may review a copy in the main office at Kennedy Learning Center.

For the 2021-2022 school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels as required in the 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 a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

### **Process for Assigning Pupils to the School**

Students are assigned to Kennedy Learning Center through the Intense Student Support Network (ISSN) Individual Educational Planning Team process (IEPT).

### **The Status of our Three to Five Year School Improvement Plan**

In 2020 The Michigan Department of Education revised the School Improvement Process. The school improvement process was revised to the Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP). Kennedy Learning Center will follow the district MICIP plan.

Southfield Public Schools MICIP Plan is to bolster district wide systems of support designed to increase student academic achievement by 7% by June 30, 2023 and build the capacity of social emotional learning for all stakeholders. This is a living document that is revised throughout the year based on stakeholder data. MICIP Plan focuses on establishing equity in accessibility to our district wide systems that address social-emotional and academic supports. Southfield Public Schools will concentrate on engaging students in their learning and as a result will achieve higher proficiency levels in their instruction, assessments, and overall well-being. Dedicated time during staff meetings and school/district professional development

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days allows staff to have meaningful discussions regarding the implementation and success of various strategies.

### **Brief Description of Specialized School**

Southfield Public Schools offers specialized programs that provide students and parents with choices to meet their needs. Programs include:

**Birney K-8** has fine-arts programming embedded within the student's daily curriculum. K-8th grade students are able to participate in fine arts programming such as choir, band, visual arts and dance classes. We have established a number of community partnerships which assists with enhancing our programming.

**The Bussey Preschool** - All Bussey programs including Head Start and Great Start are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and licensed by Michigan's Family Independence Agency.

**Kennedy Learning Center-** Kennedy Learning Center is a K-12 and Post-Secondary School that provides quality educational experiences for special needs students in an environment conducive to learning. Our program hinges upon dynamic collaboration between key constituents such as caregivers, parents, students, teachers and social workers. Each student has an individualized program that is comprehensive and functional while addressing their future needs in the home, school and community. The school serves students ages 5-17 and young adults ages 18-26. Kennedy Learning Center Work Skills students currently participate in offsite Work Based Learning at Southfield A&T High School with a job coach.

**Levey Middle School** offers an Integrated STEM Program (science, technology, engineering, and math) for students who demonstrate a strong interest in these areas. An application process determines who will attend this innovative program.

**MacArthur K-8 University Academy** is an application K-8 school of choice within Southfield Public Schools. MacArthur K-8 University Academy has partnerships with The University of Michigan-Dearborn, the Engineering Society of Detroit, and Michigan First Credit Union.

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**Stevenson Elementary** A United Way for Southeastern Michigan Community School. A Community School is a neighborhood hub that students, families, staff and the surrounding community can take pride in. These groups all play a vital part in the success of the school, helping ensure that every student is successful. Community Schools offer academic support, social and emotional learning, and health and wellness resources. United Way for Southeastern Michigan's Community Schools model focuses on: Integrated Student Supports, Family and Community Engagement, Expanded Learning Time and Opportunities and Collaborative Leadership.

**Thompson K-8 International Academy and Southfield High School for the Arts and Technology are also IB World Campuses** and join the community of state, private, national and international schools from every region of the world offering IB Programs. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to the high quality, challenging, international education that is important for student success on a global level

**University Middle School Academy** is an examination/application school for students in grades 6-8. It is housed on the Lathrup Campus with a rigorous curriculum which has a balanced focus on the four core academic content areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

**University High School Academy** is a school for parents and families who are highly motivated and who demonstrate a strong interest in Integrated STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). This examination/application high school partners with the University of Michigan-Dearborn and Michigan First Credit Union. The educational process provides a variety of learning experiences flexible enough to allow for freedom to experiment and to make decisions conducive to personal growth.

**Vandenberg World Cultures Academy, Thompson K-8 International Academy, and Southfield High School for the Arts and Technology:** The school district now has three magnet ESL/bilingual schools. In an effort to provide improved rigor, consistency, and best practice, the elementary, middle and high school English language learners will be housed in an appropriate socio-cultural environment that is academically and cognitively challenging.

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### **Access to Core Curriculum**

Students at Kennedy Learning Center are provided access to core curriculum to meet their individual needs in the areas of reading, math, daily living, personal adjustment, employability and independent living. The district is utilizing the Atlas Rubicon platform to standardize implementation of core content. The district is following an approved model and is being supported through this process by Oakland Schools, our local ISD. The district has executed two internal audits to assess current status and build out next steps.

### **Aggregate Student Achievement Results for any Local Competency Tests or Nationally**

Kennedy Learning Center Students in grades 3-8 and 11 were administered the MI-Access Alternate Assessment Participation Level in the Spring of 2021-2022 school year. The results indicate, students demonstrated progress in Mathematics compared to previous years.

### **Parent Conferences**

Kennedy Learning Center parents participate in Parent Advisory Committee(PAC), KLC bi-monthly parent meetings, Student Individualized Educational Planning conferences and Teacher-Parent quarterly meetings to discuss student IEP progress towards goals.

**In Closing**, Kennedy Learning Center is committed to providing a supportive and caring learning environment for all students. Pupils are encouraged to achieve their highest personal and academic potential. Kennedy Learning Center is dedicated to enhancing student independence, providing Community Based Vocational Instruction and Educational services from the heart.

Sincerely,

***Shawnta M. Alston***

Shawnta M. Alston, Kennedy Learning Center ISSN Supervisor

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