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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 2009-2010 educational progress for the Big Rapids Middle School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact the principal, Lenore Weaver, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting our web site at <http://www.brps.k12.mi.us> or you may review a copy at the office at the Middle School.

For 2009-2010, the Big Rapids Middle School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics. While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, we are continuously working to improve. Here are just a few things that we do to make Big Rapids Middle School the best middle school in the area:

- We offer our Language Arts curriculum in two separate classes, Reading and Writing, doubling the amount of instruction time for every student.
- Struggling students are assigned to a Support Lab which provides direct instruction and remediation in all subject areas.
- Ferris State University students work as math tutors, social work mentors, homework helpers and recess aids.
- Parents volunteer throughout our school including the media center, the classrooms and the playground. We have a very active PTO and they welcome all parents that want to become more involved.

We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

Big Rapids Public Schools houses one Middle School, grades 5 – 8. All students in the district are automatically assigned to the Middle School for these grades.

Big Rapids Middle School has continually improved over the last three years in regards to our school improvement goals. Our School Improvement Plan contains five groups working to address four specific goals. The goals address academic achievement in the areas of math, reading and writing. We are also working to improve our parental involvement. Goal groups meet regularly to analyze data and update strategies. We welcome parents that are interested in being involved in these areas.

There are no specialized schools for middle school students in the Big Rapids Public School district.

Copies of the core curriculum can be obtained at our Central Office which is located at 21034 15 Mile Rd, Big Rapids or by calling 231-796-2627.

BRMS students continue to perform above average in all areas of the MEAP. Below are our scores for the 2009-2010 school year.

Grade	Reading	Math	Science	Social St.
5th	80%	76%	83%	
6th	88%	84%		71%
7th	87%	90%		
8th	79%	70%	71%	

Parent involvement at the Middle School conferences has fluctuated over recent years. We have had between 45% - 80% attendance at the fall and spring conferences. We have addressed this as one of our School Improvement goals and we continue to work to improve all aspects of parental involvement in our school.

Once again, Big Rapids Middle School is proud of our student progress. We recognize that this is a joint effort between parents, students and staff. We will continue to work towards even greater achievement for our students and we look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,



Lenore Angeli Weaver
Principal, BRMS