



# West Seneca Central School District

## West Middle School



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*Principal*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Throughout the year, West Middle takes the opportunities to evaluate the progress we are making in meeting the outcomes desired for all students and collectively work to make the necessary adjustments in order to enhance the educational opportunities for our students. Not only do we evaluate our schools' progress on a local level, but also at the state level through its accountability system, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information related to ESSA and the accountability status for West Middle School under ESSA.

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) recently released new accountability designations for school districts and individual schools across the state to measure school performance as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act. There are numerous indicators used to measure school performance, among which are student academic achievement based on the New York State ELA and Math Assessments, student growth and school progress, student attendance and others. West Middle has been identified by NYSED as "Targeted Support and Improvement" (TSI) reflective of a very small segment of our overall student population.

The intent of this designation is to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction. As a TSI school, West Middle is required to develop a comprehensive plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve student achievement.

The Comprehensive Plan will focus on the following areas:

- Curriculum Development and Support
- District Leadership and Capacity
- Family and Community Engagement
- School Leader Practices and Decisions
- Student Social and Emotional Development
- Teacher Practices and Decisions

We look at this as an opportunity to grow as a learning community and look forward to strengthening our partnership with you in order to ensure that we are providing an excellent educational opportunity for all students. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
David R. Kean  
West Middle School Principal