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Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

Prior to 2015, each year all public schools in Michigan were required to test students using the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), or the Michigan Merit Exam (MME). The results of these tests, as well as participation on the tests, were used to determine whether our school was meeting Michigan School Proficiency Targets and where it ranked in a “Top to Bottom” (TTB) list of schools and their performance. As a result of this process, schools may have been identified as a Reward School, a Focus School, or a Priority School. Priority Schools are those ranked in the lowest 5% of the TTB list; Focus Schools have an achievement gap between its top 30% and lowest 30% of students; and Reward Schools are achieving schools which have significant achievement growth. Focus and Priority schools are required to inform parents of their identification. This letter includes information that is difficult to report to a school community, however, we want to honestly address the State of Michigan’s designations of our school, while remaining focused on raising student achievement.

Michigan Virtual Charter Academy had been identified as a “Priority School” based on its achievement results. Please be assured we continue to work diligently on creating success for all of our children. The Michigan Department of Education and our district are committed to providing us with resources to help us in our work. Our school and district improvement plans are built on solid research-based instructional strategies that will produce results. We remain excited about the district’s Academic Plan that focuses on supporting rigorous and relevant instructional practices; professional development; and utilizing data to make informed decisions.

Your steadfast commitment to your children’s education and your support of Michigan Virtual Charter Academy is very much appreciated. We look forward to working with you to make this a great school year! If you have any questions, please contact me @ (616) 309-1600.

Sincerely,

Andrei Nichols
Interim Head of School