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Jan 31, 2020

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2018-2019 educational progress for Saginaw Covenant Academy (SCA). 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 our school administrator, Devon Gilliam, for assistance. Mr. Gilliam can be reached at (989)596-1100.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site; www.sovenantacademy.org, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. The following link; <https://goo.gl/tpvGqS>, will take you directly to the MI School Data website to view SCA's "Combined Report".

For the 2018-19 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%.

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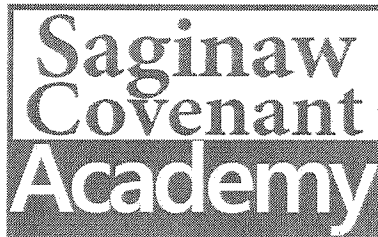
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Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Saginaw Covenant Academy is in its second year of operation. As of Jan 31, 2020, SCA has not been given one of the above labels. Saginaw Covenant Academy is an alternative school offering a blended instruction curriculum model. Our students use an online curriculum provider, Edgenuity, and highly qualified content area teachers to deliver the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) to our students. The courses are aligned with the MMC and the Common Core Curriculum. Anyone who wishes to access a copy of our core curriculum may do so at the school's main office.

Our students, who are 9th-12th grade, are assessed using the SAT, PSAT, Work Keys, and M-Step assessments. Because 2018 was our first year of operation, not all assessment results are available for all our students. As those test results become available, we will make decisions to modify our curriculum to improve student achievement.

All public schools and public-school academies face certain challenges during this time of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and Saginaw Covenant Academy is no different. SCA's primary challenges include working with "at-risk" and "high-risk" students, lack of support for education in the family, student homelessness, and poor attendance rates. In addition, SCA currently has low numbers in various groupings that make it difficult to draw conclusions as to the success of our educational program.

Saginaw Covenant Academy is meeting the following challenges as it transitions into its second year of operation:

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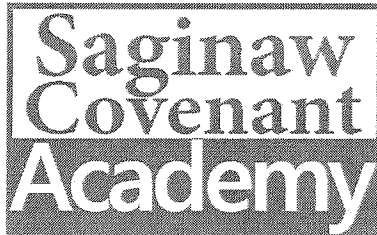
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1. Developing a consistent percentage of students in attendance on a daily basis, Our goal is to have 60% of our students in attendance each school day.
 2. Improvement of grade-level reading scores throughout our student population.
 3. Improvement of career readiness scores on the Work Keys Assessment to at least the "Silver" level.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Students who want to enroll in our school may do so throughout the school year. We have a rolling enrollment process that is open until the school is at capacity. The enrollment process involves completing the required application packet and an orientation with the prospective student as well as the parent or guardian. During this process, future enrollees learn about the policies and procedures of the school and ensure all paperwork is complete.
2. Saginaw Covenant Academy is in its first year of developing the School Improvement Plan and will continue to modify the plan as needed for the upcoming school year.
3. Saginaw Covenant Academy school provides youth 16-22 years that are at-risk (high school dropouts, homeless youth, those living in poverty, teen parents and expectant parents, and those that have been disenfranchised) the opportunity to earn high school diplomas, improve their life skills, and continue on to higher education or post-secondary employment training. Our school works

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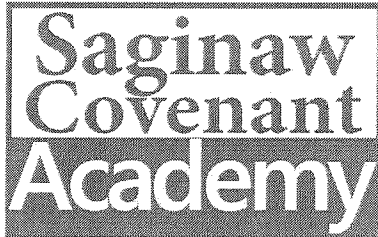
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to break down barriers so that students up to the age of 22 can have the opportunity to achieve their high school diploma. Because we offer a blended learning program and flexible, year-round classes, we are able to provide an individualized education for each of our students that allow them to work at their own pace. Our caring staff works toward preventing poverty, underachievement, and homelessness in our students, while offering them hope, encouragement, and a better chance for future success.

4. Saginaw Covenant Academy is implementing the Common Core Standards. A copy of the latest School Improvement Plan and curriculum is available electronically by visiting the following website: www.sovenantacademy.org or you may review a copy in the administration office at SCA.

5. Since the opening of SCA in Nov of 2018, our students have participated in state mandated testing. However, the low number of students actually completing the battery of testing does not allow for aggregate achievement results for our students. In general, for achievement results to be compiled there must be a cohort larger than ten students. During SCA's first year of operation the number of students tested was less than ten.

We strongly encourage parental involvement in our school. We are in the beginning stages of implementing specific opportunities for parents/guardians or significant adult mentors to participate in their student's educational program:

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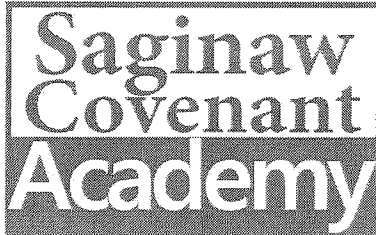
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1. SCA is currently working on organizing "Back to School" and "Parent Night" events.
 2. Through our advocate program we are increasing communication and partnership with parents.

In addition we are strengthening post-secondary planning for our graduates. This includes helping them to enroll in some form of post-secondary education including community college, vocational training, or the military. Currently, SCA does not offer any college equivalent courses (AP/IB) to its students.

In closing, I am proud of the accomplishments of our students and the hard work of our staff to further the educational goals of our high needs' student population. As we get to know our students and their personal backgrounds, we are re-energized to provide the resources needed for them to be successful and contributing citizens of our community.

Sincerely,

Devon Gilliam, Administrator

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