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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 2023-24 educational progress for Caniff Liberty Academy. 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 Mr. Tom Kozak for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website at <https://www.canifflibertyacademy.com/> or by following the link at <http://tinyurl.com/v2bztsev>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2023-24 school year, schools were identified based on previous years' performance using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that had at least one underperforming student subgroup in 2022-23. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that had a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state in 2022-23. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance was in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or had a graduation rate at or below 67% in 2022-23. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. Caniff Liberty Academy received no label.

The Caniff Liberty Academy currently has a student population of 561, with 288 being English Language (EL) Learners. This is the largest challenge that we face, as our students' English proficiency directly impacts high stakes testing and student achievement data. Many of our students are also considered to be at-risk. To address these challenges, we have three English language (EL) teachers and one Reading Specialist who serve our identified EL and at-risk students. We also have three paraprofessionals, who speak Arabic and Bengali who work with students in their classes.

Many of our parents do not speak English, which means that they cannot assist with their child's education at home. Communication between the school and home is a targeted improvement goal. Most of the families in our community are considered to be at the poverty level, which correlates inversely with high academic achievement. Despite these challenges, our students experience success on their own levels, rise above their surroundings, and go on to colleges and universities.



Our school has higher WIDA scores than many of our competitors in the city of Hamtramck, which is a testament to our success.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

#### 1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Caniff Liberty Academy is a public charter school and by law accepts all students who reside in Michigan. Our students primarily come from Hamtramck, Detroit, and the surrounding areas. Once the school year has started, and teacher staffing has been completed, State law requires that we also report additional information.

#### 2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

We have recently moved to the MCIP platform for school improvement. In our previous model we were predominantly in the implementing phase in the comprehensive school improvement plan on the ASSIST platform.

We are redirecting our focus and resources on the improvement of student language acquisition through effective EL instruction for our students. As a "Marzano school", the staff and faculty are committed to ensuring five increasing levels of reliability, to include 1) Safe, Collaborative, and Positive Culture, 2) Effective Teaching in Every Classroom, 3) Standards-Based Curriculum, 4) Data-Based Decision-Making, and 5) Language Acquisition. The state approved, Marzano "iObserve" system is the evaluation tool used to ensure reliability.

#### 3. IDENTIFY HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE'S MODEL

Our authorizer, Oakland University, requires that we follow the Michigan Academic Standards. The curriculum can be viewed at <http://www.emaninc.rubiconatlas.org>.

#### 4. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

	<u>Grade 3 - 8 ELA</u>	<u>Grade 3 - 8 Math</u>
<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>29% Proficient</b>	<b>31% Proficient</b>
<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>30% Proficient</b>	<b>25% Proficient</b>



5. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

3598 of 561 (64% )

The Caniff Liberty Academy is proud to provide a learning environment that places high value on respect, tolerance, and pride in diversity. We enroll many newcomers to the United States and offer programs and services to prepare them for life as American citizens. We afford our students multiple field trips throughout the year to further acculturate them to society. We are proud of our students and stay focused on our motto of starting students down the path for career and college readiness.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tom Kozak, Principal  
Caniff Liberty Academy