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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 Elk Rapids High School and Sunrise 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. Jack Young for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website: [ERHS AER Report](#) or [Sunrise Academy](#) or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2024-25 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 2023-24. 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 2021-22. 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 2021-22. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. Our schools have been given none of these labels.

Administration, Faculty, and Staff at ERHS & Sunrise Academy actively work to address the gap between our highest-achieving students and our struggling students. We are acutely aware of the challenges associated with closing this gap. We continue to consistently provide additional support for our at-risk and economically disadvantaged students in grades 9 through 12 at both Elk Rapids High School and Sunrise Academy. Our faculty and staff, along with our administration, have worked diligently to investigate and incorporate Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). Faculty and staff support in the areas of counseling, social-emotional support, before and after-school tutoring, and lunch labs for academic support in mathematics, English, science, and social studies, all work together to create a diverse student support system, and it continues to have a positive impact on student success. Furthermore, we continue to adjust modifications and support to our special education population.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Students in kindergarten through grade 5 from within district boundaries are assigned to Lakeland Elementary schools. Students in grades 6, 7, & 8 within district boundaries attend Cherryland Middle School, and Students in grades 9 through 12 within district boundaries attend Elk Rapids High School and Sunrise Academy.
2. Our School Improvement Plan is a working document that is reviewed, updated, edited, and revised each and every school year, through presentation, discussion, and consultation among faculty, administration, and parent representation. In the fall of 2020, the MDE revised these procedures and structures to the Michigan Integrated

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Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP). In our plan, we identify both perceived school strengths, as well as areas of growth, while we specify our school achievement strategies and goals, as well as procedures for collecting evidence as support.

3. The Elk Rapids School District has one elementary building, one general education middle school building, one general education high school building, and one alternative education high school housed within the general education high school building.
4. Elk Rapids High School and Sunrise Academy consistently comply with MDE core curriculum recommendations, as well as those of the National Department of Education. ERHS & Sunrise Academy's core curriculum is aligned and implemented following the Michigan Merit Curriculum and national standards for Mathematics, English, Science, and Social Studies. In addition to 12 College Board-approved Advanced Placement (AP) courses and over 100 courses offered online, our students have elective opportunities in science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), social studies, language arts, business, physical education, performing arts, visual arts, and music. Dual Enrollment courses are available at Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) in Traverse City. The curriculum and course offerings at ERHS are available online in the ERHS Course Guidebook. The Sunrise Academy curriculum and course offerings are available online in the Sunrise Academy Course Guidebook. Elk Rapids Schools follow the state-approved core curriculum, without significant variances, hard copies of which are available in the ERHS main office.
5. The aggregate student achievement results for our normed achievement tests are available in the ERHS main office.
6. On average, for our two most recent school years (2023-2024 & 2024-2025) during our Parent-Teacher Conferences, approximately 50% of our families participated in our three conference sessions, offered both as face-to-face/in-person, as well as virtual option.
7. Our enrollment numbers are as follows:
 - a. For Postsecondary (Dual) Enrollment: for the 2023-2024 school year, 40 students were dually enrolled (20% of our Juniors & Seniors). For the 2024-2025 school year, 29 students were dually enrolled (15% of our Juniors & Seniors).
 - b. Total number of college equivalent courses offered: 7 AP/IB courses.
 - c. For the 2023-2024 school year: 108 students (57% of our Juniors & Seniors), and for the 2024-2025 school year: 139 students (73% of our Juniors & Seniors), were enrolled in college equivalent (AP/IB) courses.
 - d. For the 2023-2024 school year, 84 students (78%) received a score leading to college credit. For the 2024-2025 school year: test result data not yet available (tests taken in May 2025).

Thank you sincerely to our greater school community. Thank you to our families for supporting all of our school programs, and our school improvement process, as we work consistently to enhance student achievement.

Sincerely,

Jack Young - Principal
Elk Rapids High School & Sunrise Academy