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Charlotte Public Schools Assessment Results

This past spring, Charlotte Public School students took Michigan's summative statewide test, the M-STEP, for the second time. This challenging online test measures higher expectations about what our students should know at the end of each school year, and requires students to write responses and show their work, instead of merely filling in a bubble answer sheet.

Results from this assessment show that students at Charlotte Public Schools are performing better than the statewide and countywide trends. Improvements were shown at all grade levels in the core subject areas of ELA, Math, and Science as our teachers and curricula adapt to new standards and testing methods. The 2016 M-STEP feedback is an important tool for us to understand how well the district is serving all students and where we can provide more support. Faculty and administrators will dig into the data to see where we are showing success, and where we need to adapt and improve our programs and instruction.

This year's M-STEP featured some welcome enhancements, such as more flexibility, shorter test sessions, and computer adaptive assessments that customized the test experience for students. Even so, shifting to a new test requires several years of significant transitions for students, families and educators. Stronger standards and more dynamic assessments require new levels of effort and skill on behalf of the entire district community. As the Spring 2016 M-STEP results show, our student achievement scores rose significantly above state and Eaton County averages. Congratulations to our students who worked very hard this past year and took responsibility for their learning. Their strong efforts really paid off!

As our Charlotte Public School District families receive their M-STEP Parent Report with their students' scores, we encourage them to celebrate their children's strengths and continue to partner with our teachers to learn how we can target academic support to be successful in and out of school.

More information about our student achievement gains can be found on the District website www.charlottenet.org.