



Dundee Community Schools

Vision Statement: "Students First" – Inspire, Educate, Innovate, Celebrate
Mission Statement: Dundee Community Schools is setting a course for student success. We will challenge and inspire every student, every day, in every class through innovation and dedication - promoting knowledgeable, responsible, and caring citizens.

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Dear Dundee Staff, Parents, and Community,

I wanted to write this letter to provide information on the newly unveiled Parent Dashboard for School Transparency, which was recently released by the Michigan Department of Education at their board meeting on January 8, 2018.

The dashboard includes information for staff, parents, and community members who would like more information regarding data on Dundee Community Schools or any other school district within the State of Michigan.

The data can be found at <https://www.mischooldata.org/ParentDashboard>

I have included, on the back of this letter, a one-page handout that gives you an overview of the Parent Dashboard and the information that can be found on it. Also enclosed is a back-to-back information sheet on how to use the Dashboard.

As a community, we are very proud of the progress our staff continues to make, on a daily basis, to bring Dundee Community Schools to a top performing district in the State of Michigan.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or your child's school office.

Sincerely,

Edward Manuszak
Superintendent

Introducing

New PARENT DASHBOARD for School Transparency

Michigan has adopted a new way to provide transparency about its public schools! The new online Parent Dashboard shows the performance of every public school in Michigan, including public school academies—also known as charter schools.

Families and others can use the dashboard to get a more complete picture of how their child's school is serving students. They also can use the Dashboard to compare a school's performance with the average performance of other similar Michigan schools.

State Board of Education members commissioned the Parent Dashboard because they believe that all Michigan residents deserve to easily discover how well public education is serving their children.

The new easy-to-use Parent Dashboard:

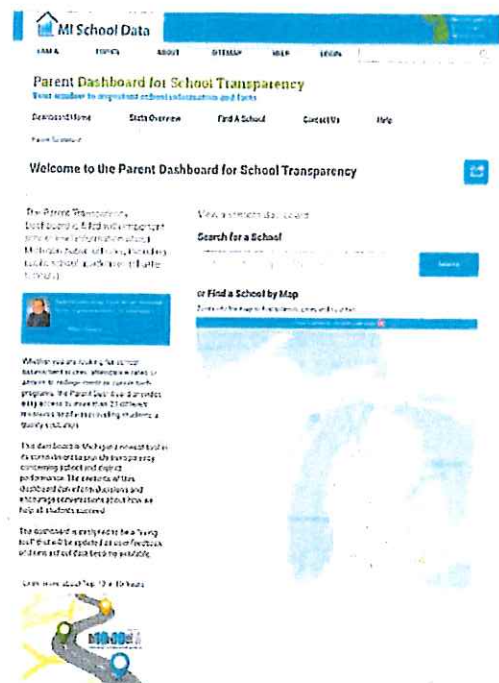
- was designed with parents to show school information they say is important, and enhanced by ongoing parent feedback
- provides one easy location where parents and caregivers can view **building-level** information and data
- can be accessed on any computer or mobile device
- offers a more balanced picture of school quality, since it contains information about more than just test scores

Information in the Parent Dashboard:

- includes nearly 20 different factors—or measures—that parents say are important to them
- comes from data that are already collected from schools
- can be viewed for a whole school, or viewers can dig deeper to see performance for certain groups of students
- can inform decisions and encourage richer conversations about school progress—with students, with other parents, with school leaders, and within communities

Check out the new Parent Dashboard for School Transparency at www.MISchoolData.org/ParentDashboard

Your ideas can make the Parent Dashboard even better! Send feedback to MDE-ParentDashboard@michigan.gov.





Click the image to access downloadable files, as well as other communication tools and templates.

How to use the Parent Dashboard for School Transparency badge

The brand new online [“Parent Dashboard for School Transparency”](#) was released in 2018 by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), in collaboration with the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI), and shows the performance of every public school in Michigan, including public school academies.

The MDE has developed a [set of communication tools](#) to help districts promote the Parent Dashboard and encourages its use as means for sharing information about their schools. Included is a graphic “badge” available in three formats (.gif, .pdf., and jpeg) that schools can download and use in their own communications. Feel free to use it in newsletters, emails, flyers, or other media where you mention the dashboard. The badge can also be placed on a school’s webpage and linked directly to the school’s information.

Note: The Parent Dashboard was created especially for parents and other caregivers who are interested in learning more about schools at the **building level**. Therefore, the tools will be most useful when communicating about a particular school or schools, rather than about a district as a whole.

Creating a clickable badge on a school website/webpage:

1. Download the web-friendly image file (ParentDashboard-web.gif) and add it to a selected location on a **school** web page, using the school’s web-editing software (WordPress, Foxbright, etc.).
2. Navigate to that school’s dashboard at www.mischooldata.org/ParentDashboard by typing the school name or locating on the interactive map.
3. Copy the URL for the School’s dashboard home page to your clipboard.
4. Use the tools in your web editing software to turn the badge into a clickable link, using the saved URL that points to the school’s dashboard.

Access the images and more communication tools at www.michigan.gov/mde-ParentDashboard.

Introducing Michigan's NEW

Parent Dashboard

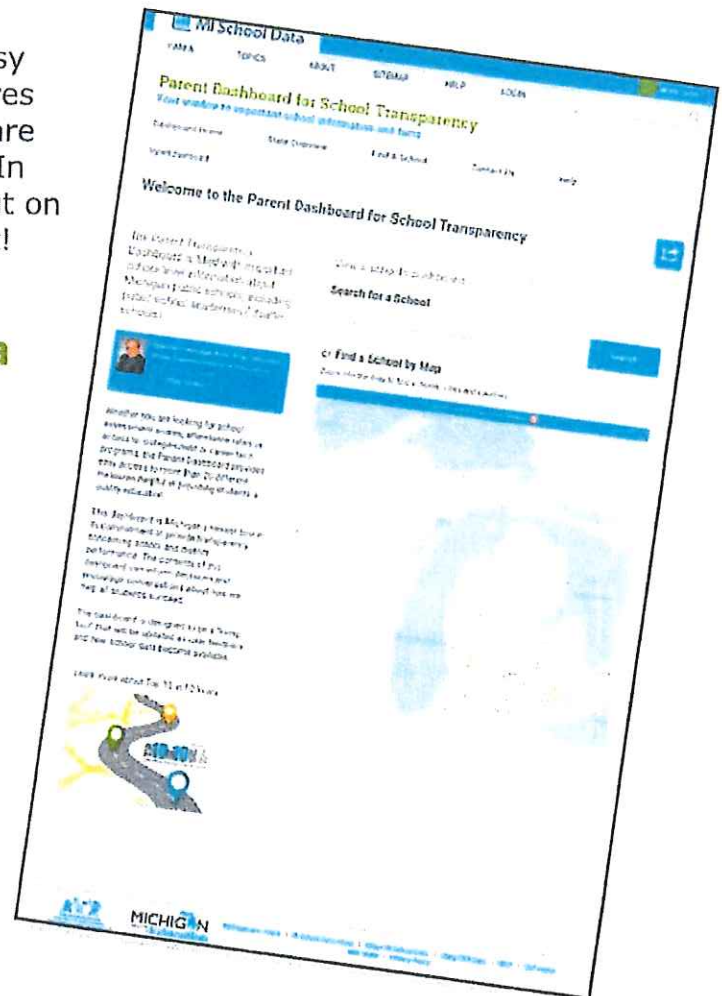
for School Transparency

Your Window to Important School Information and Facts

Michigan's Parent Dashboard provides easy access to meaningful school-level measures that parents and other stakeholders say are important when learning about a school. In fact, parents and educators provided input on the Parent Dashboard right from the start!

Sample of School-Level Data

- State testing
- Student/staff ratio
- Student support staff
- Student transfers
- Advanced coursework
- Postsecondary enrollment
- Attendance
- English learner progress
- Graduation rate
- Dropout rate
- And more...



Accessing the Parent Dashboard is easy!

Step 1 VISIT www.MISchoolData.org/ParentDashboard

Step 2 Select the school you want to learn about (follow tips on screen)

Step 3 Look at that school's performance on the measures you care most about

On-screen tutorial videos and other tools are available to help you navigate the site and understand each report.

