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We have ended the first marking period, and many great things continue to happen at Hale Area Schools. Students and staff are working hard. We have supportive organizations such as the Parent-Teacher Organization and Athletic Association that support our students in more ways than one can count.

I would like everyone to know the strides we are making with academic achievement. It is easy for people to be critical, but our school community needs to understand the strides that are being made in Hale. We assess our students in many ways and many forms. For example, we use a platform called I-Ready to assess our students in math and reading in the fall, winter, and spring to give snapshots of our growth, and areas where we need to spend more time on.

Each spring, the Michigan Department of Education has students take the M-STEP in grades 3-7, and in grades 8-11 students are assessed in the PSAT or SAT, a college readiness exam in math, reading, science, and social studies. This is only done once a year, and is a snapshot we can use for instruction, but can also compare us to other schools in our area and our state.

The information I am going to share with you is a demonstration of the advancements we have made since the 2018-2019 school year until now. There are 16 different assessments in these "high stakes" tests. In 2018-2019, Hale Area Schools were first in Iosco County in only 2 of the 16 assessments. Currently, we are first in the county in 9 out of 16. When comparing Hale Area Schools to the state average, in 2018-2019 Hale Area Schools exceeded the state average in 4 of 16 areas. Last year, we exceeded the state average in 9 of the 16 areas assessed. In our region, our numbers are just as glowing!

We are proud of the work our students and staff do each day, and the advances that have been made. Hale Area Schools look for this to continue. It is important our community knows the advances our district is making, and is thanked for their support. Hale Area Schools is a beacon in the northeast portion of the Lower Peninsula without much doubt!

Mission Statement: Our mission is to empower all students to be successful, lifelong learners in an ever-changing society, confident and respectful individuals who are able to live safe, happy, and active lives, and responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to their community.