

Woodhaven-Brownstown School District
Press Release regarding AdvancED External Review Team
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As part of its commitment to continue its district-wide accreditation and improvement, the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District hosted an AdvancED External Review Team from December 6-9, 2015.

AdvancED is a leader in providing continuous improvement in education by conducting rigorous on-site external reviews of PreK-12 schools around the world to ensure all learners realize their full potential. The organization is committed to “systemic, systematic, and sustainable improvement” by recognizing a district’s achievements and making improvement recommendations. The review team analyzes the district with a focus on leadership capacity, use of resources, and the impact of teaching and learning in the system.

During the recent visitation, a team of five educators from Michigan and one from Missouri spent four days evaluating the district and its school improvement process including the review of documents, classroom observations, and interviews with 172 individuals, including parents, students, district staff, and Board of Education members.

Review Team Chair, Tina Woolsey, from Missouri recognized the amount of pride, enthusiasm, and professionalism amongst the district staff. She also acknowledged the commitment of the district to professional learning communities where teachers collaborate on student instruction and assessment.

The district was awarded two powerful practices by the team. The team cited that the governing body establishes the foundation to ensure that school leaders at all levels are able to create, implement, and internalize a culture of shared values and beliefs about teaching and learning for all students. The district was also awarded a powerful practice in creating a welcoming environment that maintains safe, healthy, and clean educational facilities for the school community.

Each district that goes through the accreditation is given one improvement priority. The Woodhaven-Brownstown School District will work over the next two years on its improvement priority to establish a formalized structure where each student is connected to at least one adult within the school who advocates for the student’s educational, physical, emotional, and social/life needs.

The district was awarded accreditation by the team based on the Index of Education Quality (IEQ) score that was well above the AdvancED network average. The Woodhaven-Brownstown School District is proud of this honor and will continue to engage, enlighten, and empower the students in our school community!

Superintendent, Mark Greathead, said “I’m very pleased that the hard work and dedication of employees of the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District was validated through the AdvancED External Review process. We will take the information that we learned through this process to continue to improve our practice.”