October 25, 2013

Dear Tamaqua Families,

On Friday, October 4, 2013, the Pennsylvania Department of Education released the Pennsylvania School Performance Profiles for public review. Please visit the middle school website for the link.

Through the cooperative efforts of both home and school, the Tamaqua Area Middle School registered an academic score of 89.7. Our score has been recognized as one of the highest in the region. As a Title I School, we received the designation as a High Progress school. Factors calculated into our score include Participation Rate, Attendance Rate, Percent of Students Scoring Proficient or Advanced in the areas of Mathematics, Reading, Writing, and Science, Percent of Growth from the Previous Assessment, and Extra Credit for Advanced Achievement.

We should all be very proud of the work done by our parents, teachers, and most importantly our students. This report is further proof that the Tamaqua Area Middle School is preparing great young minds. The faculty and students will not rest on these accomplishments and ask for your continued support as we strive for additional success.

Two areas where families can greatly assist the school include attendance and student motivation. Students missing more than 10 days are required to present a dr.'s excuse. Please encourage your child to be on time and in school daily, ready to learn. Absenteeism not only may require Dr.'s excuses, but also decreases the middle school's academic score. Regarding motivation, please let your child know you are proud of them for being a part of our high achieving building and stress the importance of demonstrating growth each school year. When your child is testing on PSSA/Keystone exams, please help prepare them through your interest and encouragement.

Thank you for your participation in making the Tamaqua Area Middle School a successful learning community.

Sincerely,

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