

# FORTIS ACADEMY

Annual Report 2015-2016



**BAY MILLS**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
CHARTER SCHOOLS OFFICE

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# Academics

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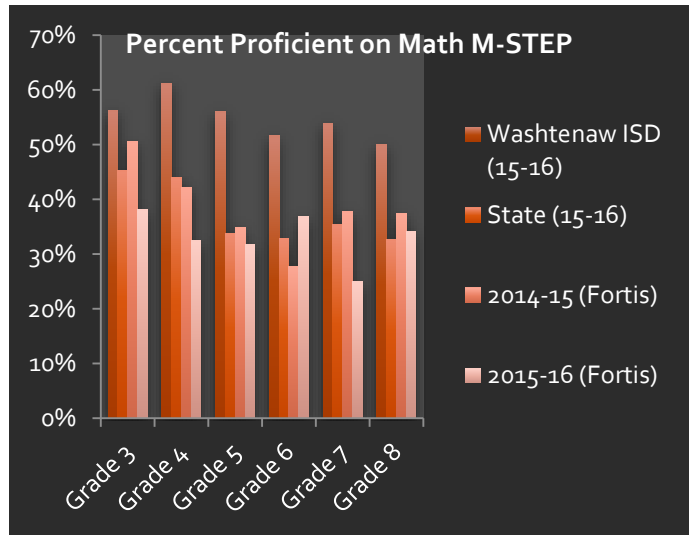
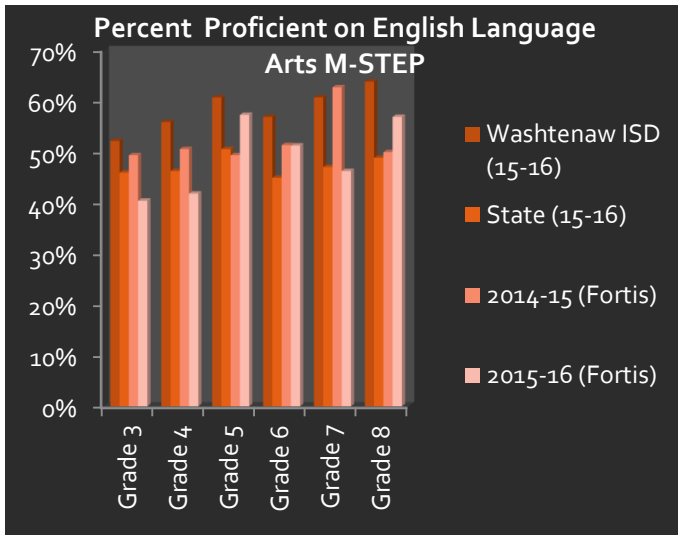
Curriculum Specialist

**Percent of Students Proficient on English Language Arts M-STEP**

|         | Washtenaw ISD (15-16) | State (15-16) | 2014-15 (Fortis) | 2015-16 (Fortis) |
|---------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Grade 3 | 52.20%                | 46.00%        | 49.40%           | 40.50%           |
| Grade 4 | 55.90%                | 46.30%        | 50.60%           | 41.90%           |
| Grade 5 | 60.70%                | 50.60%        | 49.40%           | 57.30%           |
| Grade 6 | 56.90%                | 45.00%        | 51.40%           | 51.30%           |
| Grade 7 | 60.70%                | 47.10%        | 62.70%           | 46.30%           |
| Grade 8 | 63.80%                | 48.90%        | 50.00%           | 56.90%           |

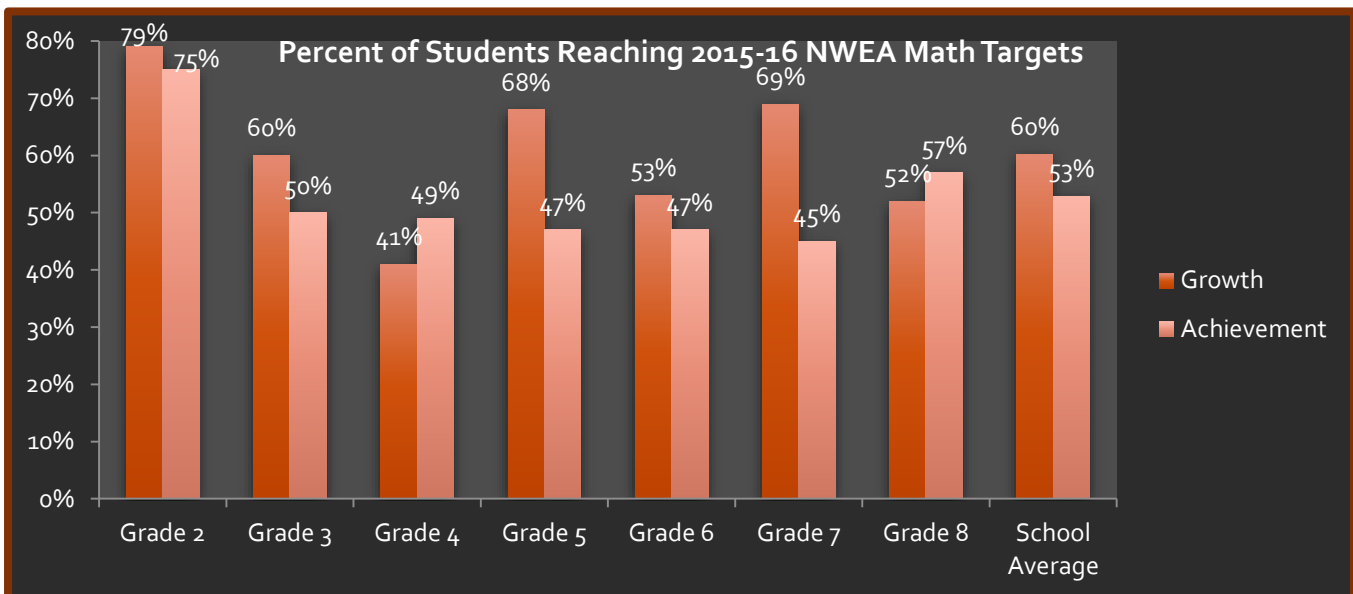
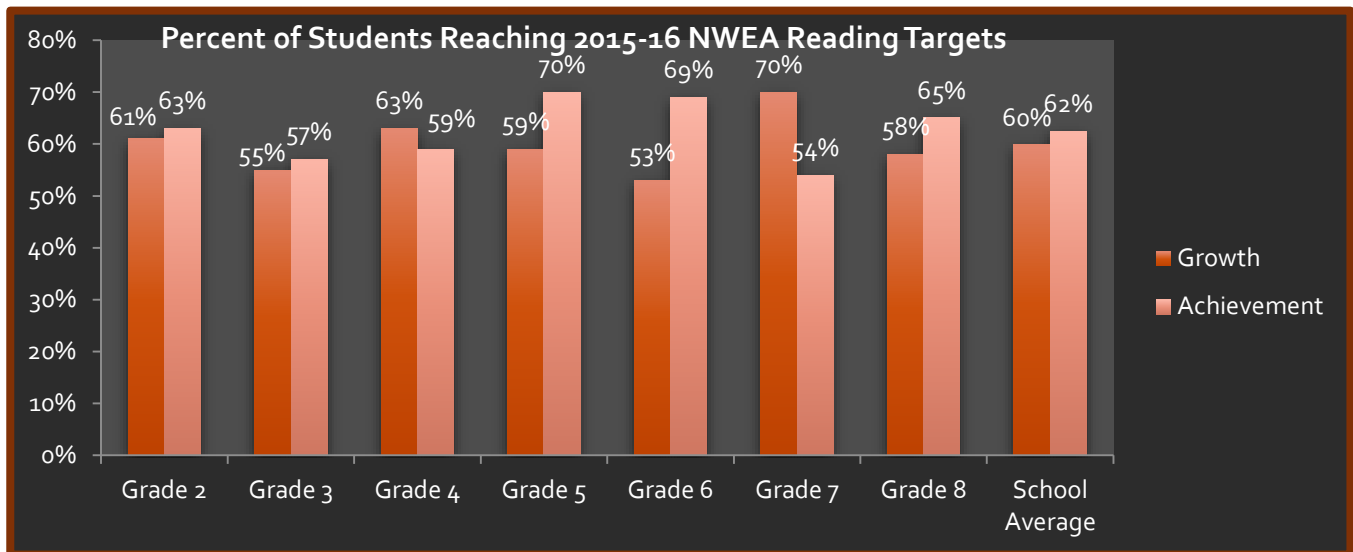
**Percent of Students Proficient on Math M-STEP**

|         | Washtenaw ISD (15-16) | State (15-16) | 2014-15 (Fortis) | 2015-16 (Fortis) |
|---------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Grade 3 | 56.30%                | 45.20%        | 50.60%           | 38.10%           |
| Grade 4 | 61.20%                | 44.00%        | 42.20%           | 32.40%           |
| Grade 5 | 56.00%                | 33.80%        | 34.90%           | 31.70%           |
| Grade 6 | 51.60%                | 32.80%        | 27.80%           | 36.80%           |
| Grade 7 | 53.90%                | 35.30%        | 37.70%           | 25.00%           |
| Grade 8 | 50.00%                | 32.70%        | 37.50%           | 34.20%           |



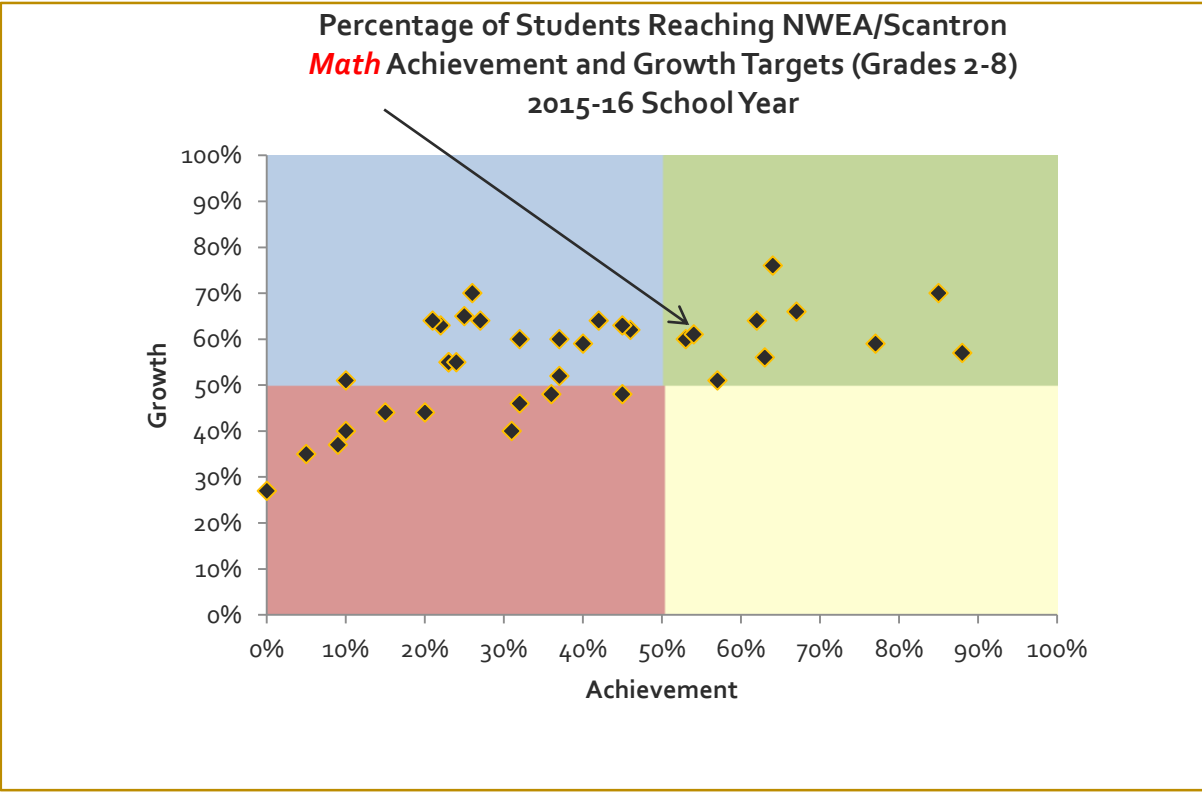
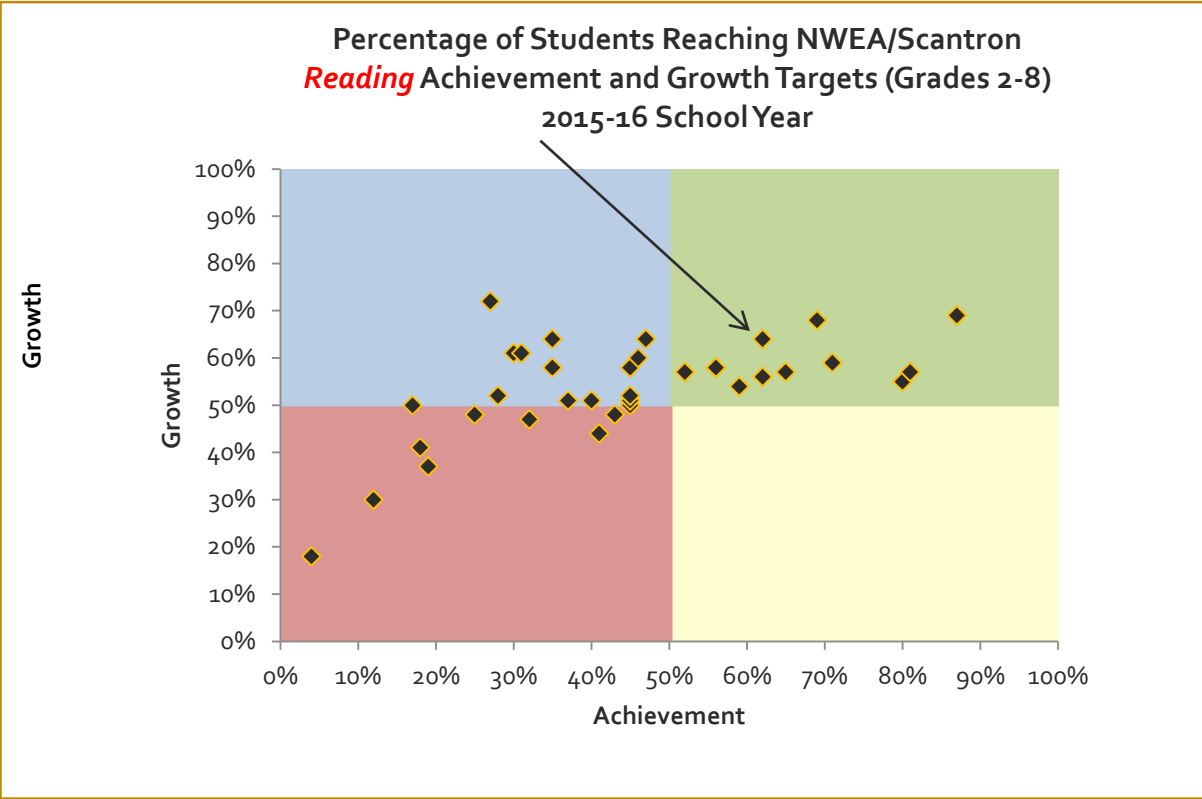
Comments: The data above illustrates Fortis Academy’s performance on the English Language Arts and Math portions of the 2015-16 Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP). The results are displayed in both table and chart form and provide Fortis Academy 2015-16 data compared to the 2015-16 Washtenaw ISD’s, the 2015-16 State’s, and the academy’s 2014-15 results. Highlighted in green in the table are the grades where proficiency percentages increased from the previous year, while data highlighted in red indicates a decrease.

The last published Top to Bottom List (for the 2013-14 school year) ranked Fortis Academy in the 46th percentile. The academy was not on the recently released bottom 5<sup>th</sup> percentile group for 2014-15. Sometime later this fall the State will release the rankings based on the above 2015-16 testing data.



Comments: The data above illustrates Fortis Academy's 2015-16 performance on the Reading and Math Northwest Evaluation Association's Measure of Adequate Progress (NWEA/MAP). The charter contract measures school growth using this assessment, setting the goal of at least 50% of students reaching their growth targets. The graphs above show that students at Fortis Academy are, on average ("School Average"), meeting their math and reading growth targets using this assessment. Students, on average, are also meeting their grade-level achievement targets.

On the next page, the quadrant charts further illustrate the growth and achievement levels of the students at Fortis Academy. The markers on the charts represent the other schools that Bay Mills Community College charters. The quadrant illustrations can be used to compare Fortis Academy with other schools authorized by Bay Mills Community College.



# Governance

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Governance Specialist



| Academy        | Address       | EMO | Field Rep  |
|----------------|---------------|-----|------------|
| Fortis Academy | Ypsilanti, MI | NHA | Pat Victor |

| Board Members              | Start of Term | Expiration of Term |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Christopher Brown VP       | 12/5/2003     | 6/30/2019          |
| Tyrone Hicks Treasurer     | 12/5/2003     | 6/30/2018          |
| Melvin Rusher              | 12/5/2003     | 6/30/2018          |
| Jason Negri President      | 12/16/2011    | 6/30/2017          |
| Shawn Fitzgerald Secretary | 11/22/2011    | 6/30/2017          |

| Category   | Rank | Comments |
|--|------|----------|
| <b>Academics:</b><br>Is the Board addressing academic performance? | 1    |          |

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|--|---|--|
| <b>Finance:</b><br>Is the Board addressing financial sustainability? | 1 |  |
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| <b>Compliance:</b><br>Is the Board in compliance with the charter and federal and state law? | 1 |  |
|--|---|--|

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|---|---|--|
| <b>Board Behavior:</b><br>Is the Board conducting itself in a business-like manner? | 1 |  |
|---|---|--|

| Board Training:   |   |           |   |
|---|---|-----------|---|
| Was the Academy represented during the fiscal year 2015-2016? | Unfortunately, Board members were unable to attend some of the listed Board trainings | 11/9/2015 | N |
|   |   | 2/8/2016  | N |
|   |   | 5/19/2016 | Y |

### Rubric Rankings:

1. The board is operating in a satisfactory manner in this area.
2. The board needs corrective action in this area.
3. The board is developing problematic behavior in this area.
4. The board actions need a complete review by BMCC.

Thank you for serving the Children of Michigan.

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future. ~Franklin Delano Roosevelt

# Compliance

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# Fortis Academy

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

## Contract Term

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2020

## Academy Board of Directors

| Term Expiration | Board Member         | Seat | Educator/Parent | Notes                       |
|-----------------|----------------------|------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 6/30/2016       | Christopher A. Brown | 1    |                 | The Board needs an educator |
| 6/30/2017       | Jason Negri          | 4    |                 |                             |
| 6/30/2017       | Shawn Fitzgerald     | 5    | Parent          |                             |
| 6/30/2018       | Tyrone N. Hicks      | 2    |                 |                             |
| 6/30/2018       | Melvin T. Rusher     | 3    |                 |                             |

## Epicenter Compliance Statistics July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

| Rating | Entity         | Entity Type | Past Due | % On Time       | % Accuracy      | Past Due Total |
|--------|----------------|-------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| ★★★    | Fortis Academy | Board       |          | 100% (42 of 42) | 100% (42 of 42) |                |
| ★★★    | Fortis Academy | School      |          | 98% (53 of 54)  | 96% (54 of 56)  |                |

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| Rating | Entity         | Entity Type | Past Due | % On Time       | % Accuracy     | Past Due Total |
|--------|----------------|-------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| ★★★    | Fortis Academy | Board       |          | 100% (46 of 46) | 96% (46 of 48) |                |
| ★★★    | Fortis Academy | School      |          | 96% (47 of 49)  | 96% (49 of 51) |                |