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Hartford Public Schools Annual Education Report

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2011-2012 educational progress for the Hartford Public Schools and our schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of State laws; however, our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Andrew Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, at 269-621-7007 for help if you need assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.hpsmi.org or you may review a copy in the principal's office at your child's school.

The report contains the following information:

Student Assessment Data – Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), Michigan Merit Exam (MME), and Michigan's Alternative Assessment Program (MI-Access or MEAP-Access)

- Presents achievement data for all five tested subjects (mathematics, reading, science, social studies and writing) compared to targets for all students as well as subgroups of students
- Provides achievement data for all five tested subjects (mathematics, reading, science, social studies and writing) for students with significant disabilities (MI-Access or MEAP-Access) compared to targets for all students with disabilities as well as subgroups of students
- Helps readers understand achievement progress within schools and compare these to district and State achievement

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Top to Bottom Ranking – Detail Data and Status

Information used to rank schools is based on the development of the Top to Bottom list of schools and their performance. Each school's Top to Bottom ranking will be based on student achievement, student growth over time, school improvement over time and achievement gaps across all five tested subjects (mathematics, reading, science, social studies and writing).

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) – Status

AYP Status is based on student participation and proficiency in mathematics and reading. Attendance targets must be met for elementary and middle schools and graduation rate targets must be met for high schools and districts.

Teacher Qualification Data

- Identifies teacher qualifications at district and school levels
- Reports percentage of core academic classes taught by teachers not considered highly qualified to teach such classes

NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

- Provides State results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8
- Cannot be compared with MEAP results for grades 4 and 8 because there are no national standards

District did not make AYP, and two schools did not make AYP.

For 2011-2012, Hartford Public Schools did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) due to our district's combined Graduation/Dropout Rate, incorporating both Hartford High School and Southwest Michigan Community Schools. We are actively working to address the district issues by implementing a Student Success System, based on national research, to identify students who demonstrate early warning signs of drop out: Attendance, Behavior, and Course Performance.

Some of our schools did not make AYP. Below you will find a list of these schools, the reasons the school(s) did not make AYP and a summary of the actions underway to improve. The principal has a letter and school specific AER that will help answer your questions. These are also posted on the district and school web sites.

School Name	Status (Priority, Focus or No AYP)	Reason(s) for not making AYP	Key actions underway to address the Issues
Hartford High School	No AYP	Testing Participation (Due to a clerical error in our special education testing, several tests were rejected by the State of Michigan)	We have reviewed and revised our testing procedures for the ACT/MME tests. Our testing coordinator and accommodations coordinator have successfully completed a half day training on testing procedures.
Hartford Middle School	No AYP	Math Proficiency	Our 6-8 Math Department is rigorously looking at their data. We have purchased STAR Math to help them assess, gather data, interpret data, and remediate students.

Hartford Public Schools is proud of **Red Arrow Elementary School** for being identified as Reward Schools based on the top 5% of the Top to Bottom ranking based on the following criteria:

- Student Achievement Proficiency
- Growth in Student Achievement
- Made AYP

As you look through our Annual Report, you will see many wonderful things we accomplished over the past year and we want to build on last year's improved test scores by continuing to improve our curriculum. MEAP/MME scores improved in 12 of 16 areas from 2010 - 2011 to 2011 - 2012 and we saw major improvements to our EXPLORE/PLAN/ACT scores. Our Board of Education has developed a strategic plan which focuses on improving instruction and assessment, developing a 3-year capital outlay plan, and maintaining a balanced budget. Finally, we are looking forward to another great school year as we strive to provide a "Quality Education" for the children of Hartford.

Sincerely,
Michael Hallgren, Superintendent