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## District Annual Education Report (AER) Letter

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

On behalf of the Board of Education, I am pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2009-2010 educational progress for the Crestwood School district 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 the Crestwood School District for help if you need assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://crestwood.k12.mi.us> 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)**

- Presents achievement data for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 (MEAP), for grade 11 (MME) and science for grades 5 and 8 compared to targets for all students as well as subgroups of students
- Provides achievement data for English language arts, mathematics and science for students with significant disabilities (MI-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

### **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) – Detail Data and Status**

Provides information from assessments, graduation and attendance rates and AYP status in relation to four criteria:

- The district must test 95% of students in total and in each required subgroup

- The district must attain achievement goals in English language arts and mathematics or reduce the percentage of students in the non-proficient category of achievement significantly ("safe harbor") annually
- The district must attain achievement goals for each subgroup that has at least 30 students in the group
- The district must meet or exceed the other academic indicators set by the state: graduation rate for high schools and attendance rate for elementary and middle schools

### **Teacher Quality 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 and all schools made AYP**

For 2009-2010, the Crestwood School District made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics. All schools in the district also made AYP. None of our schools were identified for school improvement, corrective action or restructuring.

I am pleased to report that Crestwood students continue to perform well in the classroom. It is our district's goal to prepare our students for a 21<sup>st</sup> century world in which change will be a constant and ensure that all of our students are well prepared with the knowledge and skills for college or other post secondary education. As a district, we are committed to excellence and high achievement where learning is our most important work.

We are grateful for the many resources we have in this district, including, a highly qualified and dedicated staff and caring and supportive parents and community members. Our students have shown high achievement in a broad variety of areas, from academics, to the fine arts to our athletic programs. We celebrate our successes and look forward to continued improvement.

Sincerely,

Laurine E. VanValkenburg, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools