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Hillcrest Elementary School 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 2010-2011 educational progress for Crestwood High School. 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 Hillcrest office.

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.

School made AYP for 2 or more years consecutively

For 2010-2011, Hillcrest Elementary School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics. While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, we are continuously working to improve. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

2010-2011 MEAP Data, percentage of proficient students is as follows:

	3 rd Grade Reading	3 rd Grade Math	4 th Grade Reading	4 th Grade Math
Hillcrest	87%	95%	84%	92%
District	91%	99%	80%	94%
State	87%	95%	84%	91%

2010-2011 Grade Level Achievement Data, percentage of proficient students is as follows:

	MLPP Assessments	Math Assesements
1 st grade	48%	67%
2 nd grade	63%	93%
3 rd grade	95%	62%
4 th grade	37%	78%

One of the most important factors of a child’s success in school is parental involvement. Here are some ways that parents can be involved:

- Read with your child (children)
- Talk about with your child (children) about what is happening at school

- Meet with your child's teachers- visit the school, call the school, send an email.
- Join our PACT group and support school activities
- Participate in the many special events that happen each year: field trips, book fairs, family nights, open house, etc.
- Communicate and monitor daily homework through the home-school folders or student planners
- Use Compass Learning online for extra student practice

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL: Crestwood School District is proud to feature neighborhood schools.
2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Hillcrest Elementary pursues a continuous cycle of school improvement, always monitoring student achievement data for at least three consecutive years at a time. We have active goals to increase reading and writing proficiency, while math is a maintenance goal.
3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL: We have no specialized schools within the school.
4. IDENTIFY HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE'S MODEL: Copies of the core curriculum are available in the school office, or online at <http://www.Michigan.gov/mde> Search for the term: GLCE
5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS: Elementary students in the Crestwood School District do not participate in nationally normed achievement tests. Building assessment data for grades Kindergarten-four is presented in the table in the section above.
6. NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: Hillcrest's 2010-2011 student enrollment (grades K-4) was 277. Teachers had at least one conference with 99% of all families. In 2009-2010, Hillcrest student enrollment was 257 students. Teachers also had at least one conference with 99% of all parents.

Hillcrest Elementary has received the letter grade of B for the State Composite Grade. As a community, we are very proud of our student achievement and share a commitment to provide the very best education possible.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Nickel
Principal, Hillcrest Elementary