



School District of the City of Pontiac

Kelley J. Williams, Superintendent

DISTRICT ANNUAL EDUCATION REPORT (AER) COVER LETTER

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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 2014-15 educational progress for the School District of the City of Pontiac and our schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Dr. Kimberly Leverette at 248.451.6847 for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting our website at www.pontiac.k12.mi.us, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. Each school will also be communicating their own AER to parents directly.

These reports contain the following information:

Student Assessment Data – Elementary or middle school assessment results on the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP), high school assessment results on the M-STEP component of the Michigan Merit Exam (MME), and assessment results for students with disabilities on Michigan's Alternative Assessment Program (MI-Access).

- Presents achievement data for all four tested subjects (English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies) compared to targets for all students as well as subgroups of students
- Helps parents understand achievement progress within schools and compare these to district and state achievement

Accountability Scorecard – Detail Data and Status

Due to the transition from MEAP tests to the M-STEP test, the accountability portion of the AER is limited to assessment participation and graduation/attendance rates. Full accountability reporting will resume with the 2015-16 AER.

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

I would like to thank and celebrate with our entire school community for all of their efforts to see that all of our students get the best possible education. Working together we will continue to see positive growth in our students' academic achievement. It is our belief that all students are special and deserve educational opportunities to enable each student to reach their maximum potential.

I encourage all parents and community members to review the information provided in this letter. Our district is encouraged by the positive results and look forward to continued success in the future.

Sincerely, ~

Kelley J. Williams