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Sandusky Elementary School 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 2015-16 educational progress for Sandusky Elementary School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Principal Adam Lulis for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the district web site (www.Sandusky.k12.mi.us) site or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. On the District web site, click on "Annual Education Reports" under "quick links"

For the 2016-17 year, no new Priority or Focus schools were named; some Priority or Focus schools did exit their status because they met the exit criteria. New Reward schools were identified using school rankings and Beating the Odds information. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap between the highest and lowest achieving 30% of schools. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Reward school is one that has achieved one or more of the following distinctions: top 5% of schools on the Top-to-Bottom School Rankings, top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement (improvement metric), or "Beating the Odds" by outperforming the school's predicted ranking and/or similar schools. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases no label is given.

Our school has not been given one of these labels.

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The staff at Sandusky Elementary School is working hard to better identify students with learning deficits. Universal screenings and benchmarking occurs three times per year in the areas of reading fluency, reading comprehension, and math. Students who have been identified as not proficient are then progress monitored every two weeks. Students who are progress monitored are also placed into Response to Intervention/(RTI) groups. RTI groups are groups of four-five students who have similar needs and are designed to meet the needs of the groups. Students meet with his/her RTI teacher four-five times per week for an additional thirty minutes of instruction per day. RTI happens in addition to the ninety minutes of reading instruction every student receives. Students who receive RTI will receive 120 minutes of instruction per day. Students who are still struggling will then be referred to the Child Study Team (CST), where a committee of teachers and other professionals search for and recommend changes in instructional programming and perhaps adding additional time for a student in smaller groups.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Since there is only one elementary school within the district, all resident pupils in grades K-6 are assigned to Sandusky Elementary School. Furthermore, all kindergarten through grade 6 students enrolling under Schools of Choice are also assigned to Sandusky Elementary School.

2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Sandusky Elementary - School Improvement Plan for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years may be found in the main office at your school, or at the school website (www.sandusky.k12.mi.us (click on "Annual Education Report" under "quick links").

3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL

Sandusky Elementary School also houses the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP). The NEMSCA Heat Start Program is housed at the old elementary school building (Maple Valley School).

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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

The core curriculum is available upon request through the principal's office. It is also located on the school web page located at www.sandusky.k12.mi.us (Select a school at the top of the home page, then click on "Curriculum Standards" under "Quick Links"). The curriculum does not vary from the states model. All staff are required to align the curriculum to the Common Core Standards. Grade level and content area committees, along with the principal meet throughout the year to ensure continuity and proper implementation.

5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

During the 2014-15 school year, Michigan rolled out a new assessment program called Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress, or M-STEP. The M-STEP is a 21st Century test given primarily online each spring and is designed to gauge how well students are mastering state standards.

	SES 2014-2015 Reading	State of Michigan 2014-2015 Reading	SES 2015-2016 Reading	State of Michigan 2015-2016 Reading
Grade 3	73%	50%	65%	46%
Grade 4	55%	47%	58%	45%
Grade 5	49%	49%	47%	51%
Grade 6	56%	45%	38%	45%

	SES 2014-2015 Math	State of Michigan 2014-2015 Math	SES 2015-2016 Math	State of Michigan 2015-2016 Math
Grade 3	72%	49%	64%	45%
Grade 4	54%	41%	42%	44%
Grade 5	26%	33%	40%	34%
Grade 6	40%	33%	26%	33%

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6. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

	% of students represented at Parent-Teacher Conferences
School Year 2014-2015 (fall)	99.65%
School Year 2014-2015 (winter)	96.4%
School Year 2015-2016 (fall)	98.9%
School Year 2015-2016 (winter)	95.12%

In conclusion, I would like to say that we are proud of our students, teachers, staff, parents, and administration at Sandusky Elementary School. We work hard to insure that our students are successful in every academic area. If you have any questions about this report, or any other question, or concern, please contact at our new school, Sandusky Elementary School, please call, email, or stop in and visit.

Sincerely,

Adam Lulis
Principal
Sandusky Elementary School