

## School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

April 12, 2016

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 Attwood 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 the principal, Sharon Pease at 755-1210 for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <u>https://goo.gl/bm8snQ</u>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For 2015-16, Attwood School will work to improve MEAP scores in both English Language Arts by 5% and Mathematics by 6%. We are continuously working to set and reach new goals to improve. Our staff completed professional development last September for PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Systems.) We are committed as a team to be proactive with preventing problems and creating a positive culture and climate. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

State law requires that we also report additional information. <TO HAVE THIS LETTER MEET THE STATE REQUIREMENTS, EACH SCHOOL SHOULD PROVIDE A REPORT FOR THE **TWO MOST RECENT YEARS** ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Students that attend Attwood School are students in our attendance areas as designated by the Lansing School District. Families may also choose Attwood School as their child's home school by simply following the "Schools of Choice" process managed through the Lansing School Pupil Accounting Office.
- Attwood School continues to address three primary goals in its School Improvement Plan. These goals include increasing student proficiency in reading & writing, math, and creating a positive culture and climate. Attwood School continues to make progress in meeting each of its goals, and is proud of its green status earned through the State of Michigan's ED Yes Accreditation Program.

- Attwood School has not received a "specialized school" designation (i.e.: Magnet School) by the Lansing School District. Our school does focus on providing experiential learning experiences including the following: going to Ebersole Camp in 4<sup>th</sup> grade; participating in Annie's Big Nature Lesson; and The Big History Lesson.
- 4. A copy of the common core curriculum can be accessed through the Lansing School District web page at <u>www.lansingschools.net</u> or the Attwood School web page at <u>http://www.lansingschools.net/schools/middle-years/attwoodelementary/</u> The common core curriculum is implemented with fidelity by the teaching staff at Attwood School through the use of best practices for teaching and learning.
- 5. Attwood School's fourth, fifth, and sixth graders continue to take the M-Step tests on an annual basis.
- 6. Attwood School continues to strive for 100% parent participation during its fall and spring Parent/Teacher conference sessions. Fall 2014-15 86% 247 parents attended and Fall of 2015-16 94% 261 parents attended.

Attwood School continues to strive for excellence in every facet of its educational programming. Through the continued efforts of its teaching staff, support staff, parents and community members, its students will live out its mission of "excellence for all students."

Sincerely,

Sharon Pease Principal Attwood School