



PINCKNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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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 2014-2015 educational progress for the Pinckney Community Schools District, 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 Rick Todd, the district's Superintendent, for help if you need assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: <https://goo.gl/h8v9zJ> or you may review a copy in the principal's 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

We are pleased to announce that during the 2014-15 school year, Pinckney Community High School was removed from the "Focus School" designation by the Michigan Department of Education.

The testing changes from the paper-pencil MEAP test in 2013-14 to the computer based M-Step in 2014-15 create some confusion when comparing the data side-by-side. These two tests are substantially different from each other and care must be taken when using this data to make important decisions.

We also observed some unexpectedly high and low results with the M-Step data. Our confidence in the quality of the first year of M-Step data is low. Provided there is some level of testing consistency from the State over the next several years, we expect the quality of this data to improve over time.

We understand that there is always opportunity for improvement and that high quality assessment data can help us reflect on the effectiveness of our practices. Every school board member and every employee of the school district remains committed to taking advantage of each and every one of those opportunities.

Sincerely,
Rick Todd
Superintendent