

Houghton Lake 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 2015-16 educational progress for the Houghton Lake Community Schools and our individual 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 Susan K. Tyer at 989-366-2031 for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site hlcsk12.net, 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—Includes the following three assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT. Presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and science for grades 4, 7, and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students. The report helps users to understand achievement performance within grades and schools, and to make comparisons to district, state, and national achievement benchmarks.

Accountability Scorecard – Detail Data and Status

The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability scorecard status.

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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

Review the table below listing our schools. 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 status label is given.

School Name	Status Label	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement
Collins Elementary	Focus	Blueprint for Rapid Turnaround Data protocols
Houghton Lake Middle School	Focus	Blueprint for Rapid Turnaround Data protocols

Houghton Lake Community Schools will be a Destination District recognized for its quality programming and performance. In March of 2016, The Mackinac Center for Public Policy presented an award to Collins Elementary and Houghton Lake Middle School for outstanding achievement as noted in the 2015 Elementary and Middle School context and Performance Report Card. Both schools received an A ranking. In March of 2017, Houghton Lake High School received the same award from the Mackinac Center with an A ranking. In order to improve student achievement we are using a new data protocol to view strengths, and challenges for our staff and students. District wide, we are implementing the Blueprint for Rapid Turnaround which has prompted us to review all procedures and policies. We have added three literacy coaches and a math instructional coach. We encourage all parents to visit our website, attend school functions, and be active participants in their child's education.

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