



Milan Area Schools

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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 2010-2011 educational progress for the Milan Area School District and our schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws; however, our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Bryan Girbach for help if you need assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site http://www.milanareaschools.org/AER_MAS_Rep_11-12.pdf or you may review a copy in the principal's office at your child's school.

The report contains the following information:

Student Assessment Data – Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), Michigan Merit Exam (MME), and Michigan's Alternative Assessment Program (MI-Access)

- Presents achievement data for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 (MEAP), for grade 11 (MME) and science for grades 5 and 8 compared to targets for all students as well as subgroups of students
- Provides achievement data for English language arts, mathematics and science for students with significant disabilities (MI-Access) compared to targets for all students with disabilities as well as subgroups of students
- Helps readers understand achievement progress within schools and compare these to district and state achievement

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) – Detail Data and Status

Provides information from assessments, graduation and attendance rates and AYP status in relation to four criteria:

- The district must test 95% of students in total and in each required subgroup
- The district must attain achievement goals in English language arts and mathematics or reduce the percentage of students in the non-proficient category of achievement significantly ("safe harbor") annually
- The district must attain achievement goals for each subgroup that has at least 30 students in the group

- The district must meet or exceed the other academic indicators set by the state: graduation rate for high schools and attendance rate for elementary and middle schools

Teacher Quality 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
- Cannot be compared with MEAP results for grades 4 and 8 because there are no national standards

For 2010-2011, Milan Area Schools made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics; however, all schools in the district did not make AYP. Below you will find a list of the schools not making AYP, the reasons for not making AYP and a summary of the actions underway to improve. The principal has a letter and school specific AER that will help answer your questions. These are also posted on the district and school web sites.

| School Name | Reason(s) for not making AYP | Key actions underway to address the Issues |
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| Milan Middle School | Milan Middle School did not attain target achievement goals for all subgroups of students in English Language Arts. | (1) Milan Middle School has increased the number of educators available to students in identified subgroups in need of improvement. (2) Milan Middle School has implemented new programs and educational supplements that will be utilized by staff to provide targeted instruction for identified students. |

The Milan Area School District was consolidated in 1954. Milan Area Schools is a community committed to achieving academic excellence for all learners through research, collaboration, and continuous improvement. This is accomplished by offering a wide variety of educational and extracurricular experiences for our students.

The district provides students with a solid foundation in math, science, social studies, and English languages arts. In addition, students can choose courses in art, band, choir, foreign language, physical education, health education, computers, and technology.

The school district also provides opportunities for students through course offerings from the South and West Washtenaw Consortium, Washtenaw Community College, Eastern Michigan University, the Early College Alliance, the WAY-Washtenaw program, and the Washtenaw International High School.

We continue to expand our programs in each grade level and provide our students with a well-rounded educational experience.

The AdvanEd Association of High Schools and Colleges accredits all four of the Milan schools, and we are extremely proud that we meet their high standards. We are currently in the process of being awarded District Accreditation from AdvanEd and will have our Quality Assurance Review later this year.

We are excited about the 2011-2012 school year. Every year, our educational programs get stronger thanks to the hard work of our staff. Many of our teachers spend time during the summer taking graduate level courses, attending conferences, participating in workshops, and preparing for the year to come. They are dedicated employees who strive to make sure that they have the skills necessary to provide excellent instruction in the classroom.

The curriculum in the district has been completely reviewed and aligned with the Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations and national Common CORE standards. We have a continuous process of curriculum review that ensures that our students receive the best education possible. This includes preparing them for not only state assessments, but life after graduation from Milan Area Schools.

The technology that we have for the staff and students to use during the course of the day is second to few in the state. The integration of this technology helps make our educational program one of the best around.

The strengths of the district are truly the people who work here, the people who live in the community, and the students who attend our schools. Every employee puts forth his or her best effort to help make certain that our students receive the best education possible. We have a highly qualified teaching staff that goes above and beyond the basic requirements of their job for the benefit of our students. We are proud of them and the work that they do for the students in the district.

The Milan Area School District is an outstanding place to live, learn, and work.

Sincerely,
Bryan M. Girbach
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