

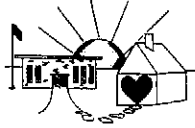
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## District Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

March 24, 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 Gladstone Area School 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 Lori Wells at 906-789-8451 for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/iPq3pt> 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** – 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.

Equal Opportunity Employer

The Gladstone Area School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

**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

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the students and staff of each of our buildings for their hard work, dedication, and success. We continue to address the needs of the total student with caring staff building quality relationships. We will continue to work to make improvements in our educational system in order to provide the highest quality education possible for all of the students in our community. Our NWEA Map testing gives our teachers individual student information about where they are succeeding and/or where they need more help. This allows staff to address individual curriculum needs. Parents are encouraged to stay involved with their child's education. If more information is needed about getting involved in your child's school, please contact the building principal for various opportunities.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jay Kulbertis, Superintendent  
Gladstone Area School District