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Holland Woods Middle School 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 2014-15 educational progress for Holland Woods Middle 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 Ronnie Belle, Principal, for assistance.

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

Holland Woods Middle School has made gains in achievement over the past few years. The core content areas where students demonstrate a need for improvement is in the area of reading and mathematics. To improve student achievement, the following best practices are being implemented: increased attention to instructional time, intensive after school tutoring, data driven targeted instruction, and the promotion of a culture of high expectation. In addition, intervention teachers are assigned to provide targeted interventions to those students demonstrating the greatest need.

State law requires that we also report the following additional information.

Pupil Assignment Process for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 School Years

Students in the Port Huron Area School District are assigned and enrolled as follows:

Students are assigned to schools based on outlined attendance areas. Kindergarten through 5th grades are assigned to one of our 10 elementary schools - Cleveland, Crull, Edison, Garfield, Indian Woods, Keewahdin, Kimball, Michigamme, Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson. Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are similarly divided among Central Middle School, Fort Gratiot Middle School and Holland Woods Middle school. Port Huron High School and Port Huron Northern High School serve students in grades 9 through 12.

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Port Huron Area School District has a Michigan Great Start School Readiness Program grant funded pre-school instruction for early childhood students in several elementary buildings. The district also supports an Early Childhood Special Education program for qualified 3-5 year olds. Students in pre-Kindergarten programs are assigned based on enrollment in each program based classroom.

The Port Huron Area School District has a policy and process in place for both in- district and county/contiguous Schools of Choice requests. Copies of the policy and procedures are available on the district website (<http://www.phasd.us/district/enrollment>), at each school, and at the administration building.

Specialized Schools and Alternative Education

- Harrison Center offers an alternative high school program, credit recovery, adult education, and an Education Continuity Program for expelled students.
- St. Clair TEC offers countywide career and technical training to high school students.
- Woodland Developmental Center serves students with severe learning disabilities to age 26.

Status of Our School Improvement Plan (3-5 Year Plan)

Holland Woods Middle School is working to fully implement the School Improvement Plan to improve the overall quality of teaching and learning in our school. Attention to the instructional practices will support a greater number of students achieve proficiency in the core academic subjects of reading and mathematics.

The plan includes a detailed framework which combines core instruction, formative assessments, progress monitoring, and intervention/acceleration to ensure that all teachers are using research-based instructional strategies at all levels of instruction. Staff are working to provide differentiated levels of support to students to address social, emotional, and family needs.

Core Curriculum 2014-15 and 2015-16 Academic Years

The core academic curriculum is the foundation of the Port Huron Area School District's instructional program. It defines the outcomes to be achieved by all students and is based on the District's educational mission and goals. The District's purpose is to enable students to meet or exceed state requirements for achievement, with an ongoing emphasis that encourages academic excellence for all students.

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Our curriculum is based on the [Michigan Academic Standards](#) approved by the State Board of Education. As part of the core instruction, curriculum is aligned and written to support the implementation of the state expectations. It has been developed and written by Port Huron Area School District teachers, administrators and consultants who specialize in curriculum development. Curriculum for the core courses is reviewed annually. Revisions and adjustments are made as needed in order to ensure appropriate alignment and pacing. You may contact your child's school or the Instructional Services Department to review a copy of the core curriculum for a particular grade.

A balanced assessment system is also a core part of the curriculum. Assessments are given in the core curriculum to monitor student progress toward grade level expectations. Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing from NWEA provides a measure of student growth in reading, grammar, and math as well as tools with which to support classrooms and individual students.

**Aggregate Student Achievement Results for Local Assessment:
NWEA MAP-NorthWest Evaluation Association Measures of Progress**

Port Huron Area Schools uses the NorthWest Evaluation (NWEA) Measures of Progress (MAP) to assess student growth in Reading, Language, and Math. MAP is an online, adaptive assessment which provides nationally normed data about student performance and growth. Results for this assessment may be viewed using the links provided below.

[District Fall 2015 - Winter 2016](#)
[District Fall 2014 - Spring 2015](#)
[District Fall 2013 - Spring 2014](#)

[School Fall 2015 - Winter 2016](#)
[School Fall 2014 - Spring 2015](#)
[School Fall 2013 - Spring 2014](#)

Parent-teacher conference rate

2014–15	31%
2015–16	42%

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Holland Woods Middle School is committed to educational excellence so that the learning needs of every child is met. It is with great pride that Holland Woods Middle School serves the academic, social, and emotional needs of our students. The Holland Woods staff is committed to working collaboratively with parents / guardians, business, and community members to ensure that students receive the foundational skills necessary for success in high school, college and beyond. Please contact the main office by calling 810-984-6548 if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Belle
Principal, Holland Woods Middle School

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