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Waterford Durant High School
2014-2015
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 Waterford Durant High 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 Craig Blomquist, Principal of Durant High School, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://www.mischooldata.org/NewAer/Default.aspx>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your student's school.

The state has identified some schools with the status of Reward, Focus or Priority. A Reward school is one that is outperforming other schools in achievement, growth, or is performing better than other schools with a similar student population. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap in 30% of its student achievement scores. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. Our school has been identified as a Priority School at this time. Students who come to Durant are significantly off-track for graduation. We have operated for the last several years as a credit recovery option for at-risk students and our focus has been on meeting State graduation requirements. While GAD rate reporting indicates that our graduation rate has been steadily increasing over the last several years, data from the ACT/MME has indicated that our students are not yet meeting State proficiency requirements in reading, writing, and math. Our staff and students have been actively engaged for the last two years in a reform and redesign plan that is targeting specific student needs. Our focus has been and will continue to be on using current data to identify instructional gaps and to develop plans to close those gaps while continuing to increase our graduation rate as well.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Students are assigned to their elementary, middle and high school buildings based upon established geographical boundaries at each level. Students from outside of the district are admitted through a School of Choice process in kindergarten and are placed at buildings based upon space available.

THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Durant High School is engaged in a four-year cohort in partnership with the State School Reform office. We have submitted a thorough transformation redesign plan and have now begun to implement that plan. This plan was developed with the support of the State, the Waterford Board of Education, the educational leadership team of the Waterford School District, and the staff of Waterford Durant High School.

Durant High School will continue to focus on the following school improvement goals:

- 1) All students will increase math proficiency.
- 2) All students will increase reading proficiency.
- 3) All students will increase writing proficiency.

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL

Kingsley Montgomery School (KMS), formerly known as Montgomery Developmental Training Center, is a segregated special education facility that provides support for severe cognitive impaired (SCI), severe multiply impaired (SXI), post-secondary cognitive impaired (MoCI), and severe emotionally impaired (SEI) students.

Children's Village School is a facility owned by Oakland County and operated by the Waterford School District. The school serves children in grades K-12 who have been adjudicated via the Probate Court for delinquency, neglect, truancy at home/school, or incorrigibility at home/school. These students come from all 28 school districts in Oakland County, other counties within the State of Michigan and also some out-of-State students.

IDENTIFY HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE'S MODEL:

The core curriculum can be assessed through the district website at www.waterford.k12.mi.us/curriculum/contact.htm. It was implemented in alignment with the State of Michigan which has a comprehensive curriculum for all grade levels. There are no variances from the state's model.

THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS:

Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP)

First year of Testing

Proficiency Level 1 & 2	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies
2015-11 th	21%	17%	22%	27%

**Michigan Merit Exam (MME)
 2 year Durant High School Comparison**

Proficiency Level 1 & 2	Reading	Writing	Math	Science	Social Studies
2014-11 th	20%	9%	0%	5%	16%
2013-11 th	23%	9%	2%	6%	22%

IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES:

We hold parent conferences four times per year--one conference evening during each term. The percentage of parents has varied from 10% -25%.

FOR HIGH SCHOOLS, ONLY ALSO REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING:

- a. THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENTS (DUAL ENROLLMENT): 0
- b. THE NUMBER OF COLLEGE EQUIVALENT COURSES OFFERED (AP/IB): 0
- c. THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN COLLEGE EQUIVALENT COURSES (AP/IB): 0
- d. THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS RECEIVING A SCORE LEADING TO COLLEGE CREDIT: 0

The staff members at Durant High School are confident that our intervention measures are having a positive impact on student learning. We celebrate that our graduation rate continues to grow every year and we have now developed a sustainable program that will help us to meet individual student proficiency needs as well.

Sincerely,

Craig Blomquist, Principal
Waterford Durant High School