



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 2015-16 educational progress for the South Lyon Community Schools 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 Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Lisa Kudwa for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following [link](#) 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.

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
Bartlett Elementary School	No label	Workshop Model
Brummer Elementary School	Reward School	Workshop Model
Dolsen Elementary School	No label	Workshop Model
Hardy Elementary School	No label	Workshop Model
Kent Lake Elementary School	No label	Workshop Model
Salem Elementary School	No label	Workshop Model
Sayre Elementary School	No label	Workshop Model
Centennial Middle School	No label	Cultures of Thinking
Millennium Middle School	No label	Cultures of Thinking
South Lyon East High School	No label	Student Relationships
South Lyon High School	No label	Student Relationships

South Lyon Community Schools is proud of the effort of our students, the encouragement of their parents, and the dedication of our instructional staff which has resulted overall in very strong student achievement relative to Oakland County and the State of Michigan. We are aware of our achievement gaps and have dedicated significant time and resources toward research-based strategies to narrow our gaps. We are proud of the work we are doing to improve educational outcomes for not only our overall student population, but specifically for students with disabilities, students who are economically disadvantaged, and students who are English Language Learners. Our commitment to a high quality educational experience for all learners will continue. We encourage continued parent involvement through PTO, CHEERS, building SIP team, and District Strategic Planning opportunities and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Melissa Baker
Superintendent

Mission Statement

In support of our community, the mission of South Lyon Community Schools is to provide the highest quality educational process, so that all excel as individuals, and become productive and contributing members of society.