

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 2015-2016 educational progress for the Climax-Scotts 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 Superintendent Newington for help if you need assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.csschools.net 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 – Elementary or middle school assessment results on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), high school assessment results on Michigan Merit Exam (MME), and assessment results for students with disabilities on Michigan's Alternative Assessment Program (MI-Access or MEAP-Access)

- Presents achievement data for all five tested subjects (mathematics, reading, science, social studies and writing) 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

Information is provided for the district and each school related to achievement targets in reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies answering questions like:

- Did the district (and schools) meet achievement targets for all students and subgroups of students?
- Did the district (and schools) meet achievement growth targets for all students and subgroups of students?

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

For 2015-2016, Climax-Scotts Community School District's Elementary received a "lime" scorecard and was a "reward school" for being in the top 5% for student growth. The Jr/Sr High School received a "yellow" scorecard: the only subgroup not meeting target was the "bottom 30%". Neither of the two schools were identified as either focus or priority schools. The Adult/Alternative School building received a red scorecard due to proficiency rating in reading, math, science, and writing content areas. The district received a red scorecard due to the fact the Alternative Online School received a red card. The Elementary and Jr/Sr High School did meet the 95% participation requirement but when they were combined with the Adult/Alternative Ed building the district fell short of the 95% requirement.

As Superintendent of Climax Community Schools I am very proud of our accomplishments and continued academic improvement. Congratulations to our Administration and entire staff for your collaborative effort and dedication to our students and community.

Sincerely,

Douglas P. Newington
Superintendent