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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 2014-15 educational progress for Milan Area Schools 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 Bryan Girbach for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.milanareaschools.org, 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 three tested subjects (English language arts, mathematics, and science) 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.

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

The Milan Area School District was consolidated in 1954. Milan Area Schools is a community committed to achieving academic excellence for all learners through research, collaboration, and continuous improvement. This is accomplished by offering a wide-variety of educational and extracurricular experiences for our students.

The district provides students with a solid foundation in math, science, social studies, and English languages arts. In addition, students can choose courses in art, band, choir, foreign language, physical education, health education, and technology.

The school district also provides opportunities for students through course offerings from the South and West Washtenaw Consortium, Washtenaw Community College, Eastern Michigan University, the Early College Alliance, the WAVE program, and the Washtenaw International High School.

We continue to expand our programs in each grade level and provide our students with a well-rounded educational experience.

The AdvancEd Association accredits the Milan District, and we are extremely proud that we meet their high standards. In 2011-2012, Milan hosted a Quality Assurance Review Team and became the first district in Washtenaw County to earn District Accreditation from AdvancEd. Our next Quality Assurance Review will take place in May of 2017. Due to a rigorous internal review process, we feel well prepared for this external review process.

We are excited about the 2015-2016 school year. Every year, our educational programs get stronger thanks to the hard work of our staff. Many of our teachers spend time during the summer taking graduate level courses, attending conferences, participating in workshops, and preparing for the year to come. They are dedicated employees who strive to make sure that they have the skills necessary to provide excellent instruction in the classroom.

The curriculum in the district has been completely reviewed and aligned with the Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations and national Common CORE standards. We have a continuous process of curriculum review that ensures that our students receive

the best education possible. This includes preparing them for not only state assessments, but life after graduation from Milan Area Schools.

The technology that we have for the staff and students to use during the course of the day is outstanding. The integration of this technology helps make our educational program one of the best around.

The strengths of the district are truly the people who work here, the people who live in the community, and the students who attend our schools. Every employee puts forth his or her best effort to help make certain that our students receive the best education possible. We have a highly qualified teaching staff that goes above and beyond the basic requirements of their job for the benefit of our students. We are proud of them and the work that they do for the students in the district.

The Milan Area School District is an outstanding place to live, learn, and work.

Sincerely,
Bryan M. Girbach
Superintendent
Milan Area Schools