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## Milan 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 2014-2015 educational progress for Milan 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 Dr. Shanna Spickard for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: [www.milanareaschools.org/ms](http://www.milanareaschools.org/ms) or you may review a copy in our main office at your child's school.

Our school has been removed from the Focus School list this year due to the staff and building efforts the last few years. While we are pleased to have not been a targeted school, we are continuously working to improve to reach state targets, earn reward school status, and earn a better school card grade. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

We have faced some key challenges which we have established both goals and initiatives for at the middle school. While we are above the state in many testing areas on the M-STEP, we are still below county averages at most grade levels and most tests. Science and social studies scores continue to be below average at both the state and county. We have established goals around the core subjects of English, math, science, and social studies. All administrators and educators at MMS have implemented many activities and initiatives to support these goals.

As a result, MMS has undertaken a number of initiatives that have already proven successful in reducing the gap while raising overall achievement including: An RTI process for Math and Literacy, an Enrichment Program, the selection of rigorous standards, and constant teacher professional development.

State Law requires that we also report the additional following information:

1. All students in grades 6-8 within Milan Area Schools attend Milan Middle School as it is the only middle school in the district.
2. MMS has established School Improvement Goals in math, reading, science, and social studies rooted in student growth for the next several years. We are in year two of our five year cycle.

3. MMS is a full-inclusion school.
4. The Core Curriculum for Milan Middle School can be viewed by visiting the following website: <http://www.milanareaschools.org/curriculum/>
5. The following scores demonstrate the percentage of students who were identified as Proficient at Milan Middle School on the NWEA Map Testing for 2014-15.

6 <sup>th</sup> grade Reading: 39%	6 <sup>th</sup> grade Math: 47%
7 <sup>th</sup> grade Reading: 60%	7 <sup>th</sup> grade Math: 51%
8 <sup>th</sup> grade Reading: 60%	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Math: 53%
6. Approximately 92% of all households are represented at formal conferences.

The 2015-2016 school year promises to be an exciting year of change and growth. A number of new initiatives have been rolled out to enhance the educational experience of all MMS students. This is a year of Power Up at MMS. We look forward to helping each child maximize his/her potential and achieve academic success.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Shanna Spickard  
Principal