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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 Aspen Ridge 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 the superintendent's office for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting our web site at [www.nice.k12.mi.us](http://www.nice.k12.mi.us) or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

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 label is given. Aspen Ridge School was not given a label.

Aspen Ridge School is committed to meeting the needs of all students and has adopted the NWEA MAP assessment as a tool to help identify student progress in grades K-8. The immediate feedback allows staff the ability to identify specific areas of concern as well as areas of high proficiency. Intervention and extension activities are then specifically designed to address these areas, therefore meeting the individual needs of each student.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Process of assigning students to specific school - Aspen Ridge School is the only K-8 building in our district.
2. Status of the School Improvement Plan - The Aspen Ridge School Improvement Plan is updated annually.
3. Specialized schools - none
4. Our curriculum is aligned to meet the standards set by the State of Michigan. Curriculum can be reviewed by contacting school administration.
5. Achievement results for any local competency tests or nationally normed achievement tests - n/a
6. Approximately 95% of elementary parents and 56% of middle school parents attended fall parent teacher conferences.

I would like to thank all of the students, parents, staff, and community members for their unrelenting commitment to make Aspen Ridge School the premiere school of choice. We are always striving to be better and will continue to be innovative in order to keep up with the 21<sup>st</sup> century demands in education.

Sincerely,

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