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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 2010-2011 educational progress for the Sturgis Public Schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws; however, our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Julie Evans, Assistant Superintendent or any building principal for help if you need assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by copying the following link and pasting it on your browsers address bar

<http://www.sturgisps.org/cms/lib01/MI01000489/Centricity/Domain/1/DistrictData10-11.pdf>

or you may review a copy in the Assistant Superintendent's office at Sturgis Central Commons.

The report contains the following information:

**Student Assessment Data– Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), Michigan Merit Exam (MME), and Michigan's Alternative Assessment Program (MI-Access)**

- Presents achievement data for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 (MEAP), for grade 11 (MME) and science for grades 5 and 8 compared to targets for all students as well as subgroups of students
- Provides achievement data for English language arts, mathematics and science for students with significant disabilities (MI-Access) compared to targets for all students with disabilities as well as subgroups of students
- Helps readers understand achievement progress within schools and compare these to district and state achievement

**Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) – Detail Data and Status**

Provides information from assessments, graduation and attendance rates and AYP status in relation to four criteria:

- The district must test 95% of students in total and in each required subgroup
- The district must attain achievement goals in English language arts and mathematics or reduce the percentage of students in the non-proficient category of achievement significantly ("safe harbor") annually
- The district must attain achievement goals for each subgroup that has at least 30 students in the group

- The district must meet or exceed the other academic indicators set by the state: graduation rate for high schools and attendance rate for elementary and middle schools

**Teacher Quality 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
- Cannot be compared with MEAP results for grades 4 and 8 because there are no national standards.

For 2010-11, Sturgis Public Schools made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics: however, all schools in the district did not make AYP. Below you will find a list of the schools not making AYP, the reasons for not making AYP and a summary of the actions underway to improve. The principal has a letter and school specific AER that will help answer your questions. These are also posted on the district and school web sites.

School Name	Reason(s) for not making AYP	Key actions underway to address the Issues
Sturgis Middle School	Two subgroup did not obtain the necessary percentage of students proficient in Reading on the MEAP	We altered our daily schedule to provide addition reading instruction and added a new reading intervention specialist.
Adult Education Center	Graduation Objective was not met	We are restructuring our Adult Education Center, increasing Professional Development and increasing the use of technology to address this issue.

None of our schools were identified for school improvement, corrective action or restructuring.

Though we are disappointed in not making AYP in all subgroups, we believe we are doing the right things for our students and all subgroups will obtain AYP next year.

Student achievement takes everyone - students, staff, parents and the community. In Sturgis, we have all these groups all working together for higher achievement of all students.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Langdon, Ed.D, Superintendent

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