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Lake Huron Virtual 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 2016-17 educational progress for Lake Huron Virtual 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 Trenten Barr for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/ZxkQFY> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2016-17 school year, schools were identified using new definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has three or more underperforming student subgroups. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given. Our school has not been given a label.

As a district our key challenges include the level of poverty and the subsequent financial hardships that our district has faced over the years. New Haven Community Schools has been in deficit for more than seven years and this has had an adverse affect on staffing, infrastructure, curriculum development, and the ability to purchase instructional support materials. The current school of choice environment in Macomb County has posed a continuing challenge to our district. This year we were able to maintain and implement the following initiatives and programs:

Tutoring Program – Tutoring is available to all students four hours a day, four days a week. Students who are failing a third of their classes, or more, are required to attend tutoring a minimum of two days a week, for at least two hours. This has helped keep students on pace to graduate and allows them to receive additional support in person from a certified teacher.



Career Technical Education – This school year we began offering career technical education through online learning. We have full year courses in seven different subject areas.

Advanced Placement Courses (AP) – We currently offer four AP courses, including one in each of the core content areas. Students enrolled in AP courses improve their chances of college admission and college success.

ACT/SAT Prep Course – Students in the 11th grade are enrolled in the ACT/SAT prep course beginning in the second semester. This gives them the assistance and training to reach their highest potential on standardized testing.

Individualized scheduling – Students who choose to do so, can take three classes at a time, rather than six, and complete them in half as much time so that they are still working at the same pace. It helps students to focus on fewer classes at one time.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Students enrolled in New Haven Community Schools attend here because they reside in our school's boundary or have enrolled here as a School of Choice student. The district has specific boundaries for all K-5 students; they are placed at either New Haven Elementary or Endeavour Elementary School. All students in grades 6-8 attend Endeavour Middle School. High School students entering grade 9 come to the high school from Endeavour Middle School. Enrollment guidelines have been set forth by the district's board of education. New Haven Community Schools offers Lake Huron Virtual School as an additional option for students in grades 6-12. Transfer requests within the district are also considered.
2. Lake Huron Virtual School's improvement plan is focused on three goal areas: coordinating a school health council partnership with My Virtual Academy, reducing dropout rates by facilitating student graduation, and an improvement in academic success. We work with My Virtual Academy in providing multiple Career Technical Education programs, including health and STEM related courses. Each of our students has an advocate assigned to them to monitor grades and tutor them. We also offer tutoring four days a week, for four hours in order to improve academic success and reduce dropout rates.
3. There are no specialized schools in our district.
4. The curriculum is provided through the My Virtual Academy company.
5. See the Combined Report for the aggregate results for M-STEP, MI-ACCESS, and SAT. The Combined Report also shares our student's progress on the National Assessment of Educational Progress in grades 4, 8, and 12. Lake Huron Virtual School's 11th grade students participated in the M-STEP, SAT, and WorkKeys tests. Our students with cognitive impairments take the MI-ACCESS assessment. The M-STEP test was provided by the MDE as a replacement to the previous year's MME test. The American College Testing group provides the WorkKeys tests. The College Board provided the SAT test. Attached at the end of



this document are our past two year's student achievement results for the M-STEP, SAT, and MI-ACCESS assessments.

6. We do not currently hold parent-teacher conferences. However, because it is a virtual school, our teachers are available to meet or conference with parents upon request at any time.
7. Below are the current options for working towards college credit while attending Lake Huron Virtual School:
 1. We currently do not offer any dual enrollment opportunities.
 2. In the 2015-2016 school year we did not offer any college equivalent courses. Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, we have offered four Advanced Placement (AP) courses: AP US Government, AP Biology, AP Calculus, and AP English Language and Composition.
 3. We do not have any students enrolled in AP courses.
 4. We do not have any students receiving a score leading to college credit.

Lake Huron Virtual School staff and students have been working with the Michigan Department of Education as well as the members of our community to strive toward greatness within our school and district. We at the virtual school, have to do whatever it takes to rise to the challenge of change and motivate our students to strive for greatness.

Sincerely,

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