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2015-2016 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 2015-16 educational progress for Charlton Heston Academy. 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 David Patterson, Superintendent for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://www.mischooldata.org/NewAer2/CombinedReport2.aspx> 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 – Includes the following three assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT. Presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and science for grades 4, 7, and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students. The report helps users to understand achievement performance within grades and schools, and to make comparisons to district, state, and national achievement benchmarks.

Accountability Scorecard – Detail Data and Status

The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability scorecard status.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. The process for assigning pupils to Charlton Heston Academy:
Michigan law requires charter schools to be open to all students within the state. Michigan law requires that if a charter school receives more applications than space available, then a random selection process must occur. Michigan law provides that students enrolled in a charter school the previous year must be given enrollment preference for future years. It also allows charter schools to give enrollment priority to siblings of existing students and to children of employees and board members (National Alliance for Public Charter Schools; <http://www.publiccharters.org/law/ViewComponent.aspx?comp=15>).
1. The School Improvement Plan was completed in 2015-2016 with specific strategies and timelines for full implementation. Charlton Heston Academy is a year-round school with an extended school day-offering approximately 1500 instructional hours in one school year.
2. Charlton Heston Academy has adopted a curriculum that is aligned to the common core and aligns to the State of Michigan's curriculum. The curriculum is heavily supplemented with additional resources. The curriculum is a progressive process with continuous improvement. This can be accessed by contacting the Superintendent.
3. The average aggregate student achievement results for NWEA is also included in the AER.
4. Parent Teacher Conferences resulted in an attendance rate of approximately 70%. However, parent participation in conferencing on achievement is conducted in many ways outside of formal face-to-face Parent Teacher Conferences.
5. In 2014-2015 CHA offered its second year of high school. During this year qualifying students were enrolled in postsecondary credit through a concurrent enrollment agreement with Lake Superior State University and/or Jackson College.

It is with gratitude and patronage that I congratulate the Charlton Heston Academy Community on the unwavering pursuit to provide a quality education to all students. As we move into the upcoming school year we will continue to celebrate success, and identify and modify programs and resources in the areas of need. Together we will ensure every child has the ability to achieve at a high level.

Sincerely,



David Patterson, Superintendent

