

Cass City Public Schools

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Cass City Public Schools District Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter 2016 - 2017

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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 – 2017 educational progress for Cass City Public Schools. The AER address the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand any of this vital information. Please contact Superintendent Jeff Hartel or any building principal for help if you need assistance.

The District's AER and Combined Report is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website:

http://casscityschools.org/our-district/transparency-section/annual -educational-reports/

Once at the school website, click on the link for AER Combined Report or AER Cover Letter. Data will be readily available once you are there. A hard copy of this report will also be available for review in the superintendent's office. Each school will also be communicating their own AER to parents as well. These reports contain the following information:

- Student Assessment Data Elementary and Jr. High assessment results on the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP), high school assessment results on the M-STEP component of the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) and assessment results for students with disabilities on Michigan's Alternative Assessment Program (MI-Access).
- 2. Accountability Scorecard Detailed data and status update.
- 3. Teacher Qualification Data -
 - Identifies teacher qualifications at the district and building levels
 - Reports percentage of core academic classes taught by teachers not considered Highly Qualified to teach such subjects.
- 4. National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)
 - Provides state results of the national assessment in math and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8.

MISSION STATEMENT

All School personnel will accept the responsibility to provide the opportunity for all students to be productive in a global society.



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Cass City Public Schools strives to offer a first class education for all its' students. We look for innovative ways to improve student achievement through an aligned curriculum, differentiated instruction and a variety of assessments. Interventions are a big part of the success of our students. Daily interventions are used to focus in on areas of deficiency and help students perform at or above grade level. We believe all students can learn and that all students should learn in an environment free of prejudice and bullying. Our goal is to make our school district a place that the Cass City community can be proud of.

Areas addressed in 2016 - 17 that helped improve achievement and engagement.

- 1. Provide safe, clean schools for all students and staff.
- 2. After-school homework support with a certified teacher.
- 3. Senior Seminar class encourages FAFSA completion and exploration of post-secondary options for all seniors.
- 4. Research based teacher and administration evaluations to address shortcomings and celebrate successes.
- 5. Strong school-home communication and partnerships.

Parents can get involved in our schools in a variety of ways. Please contact your child's teacher or building principal to express your desire to volunteer in our buildings. Parent participation the past three years:

- Jr/Sr High School 14/15 = 17% 15/16 = 22% 16/17 = 21%
- Elementary School 14/15 = 90% 15/16 = 85% 16/17 = 89%

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Jeff Hartel, Superintendent