



Cass City Public Schools

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Cass City Public Schools District Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter 2015 – 2016 School Year

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Superintendent
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January 4, 2017

Allison Zimba
Chief Financial Officer
989-912-1846

Dear Parents and Community Members:

Chad Daniels
Jr/Sr High School
Principal
989-872-2148

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2015 – 2016 educational progress for Cass City Public Schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand any of this information. Please contact Superintendent Jeff Hartel or any building principal for help if you need assistance.

Aaron Fernald
Elementary
Principal
989-872-2158

The District 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/>

Don Markel
Assistant Principal
Athletic Director
989-872-4397

Once at the school website, click on the link for the 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:

Lyle Severance
Technology Director
989-912-1843

Shari Bock
Food Service Director
989-872-5729

Beth Kittle
Superintendent Secretary
989-872-2200

1. **Student Assessment Data** – Elementary or middle school 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 classes.
4. **National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)** –
 - Provides state results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8.

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Cass City Public Schools AER Cover Letter (Continued) 2015 – 2016

Cass City Public Schools strives to offer a first class education for all its' students. We are always looking for innovative ways to improve student achievement through a focused curriculum, differentiated instruction and a variety of assessments and interventions. We believe all students can learn and that all students should learn in an environment free of prejudice and restrictions. We want our school district to be a place the Cass City community is proud of.

Areas we have addressed this past year to improve student achievement and engagement are:

1. Provided safe, clean schools for students to attend.
2. Purchased a new science curriculum at elementary level to address low assessment scores.
3. Focused curriculum and instruction at all grade levels.
4. Accountability of our teaching staff using the Charlotte Danielson Framework for Teaching Assessment and for administrative staff; the MASA School Advance Model.
5. Providing after-school homework support with a certified teacher.
6. Dean of Students meets with all junior students and parents to discuss post - secondary plans.
7. Review MiSSG website to ensure all TIP students are enrolled and FAFSA's have been completed.

Parents can get involved in our schools in a variety of ways. Please contact the main office of your child's school or talk to your child's teacher directly to see where needs may present themselves. Parent Participation for the past three years:

- Jr/Sr High School 13/14=21% 14/15=17% 15/16=22%
- Elementary School 13/14=88% 14/15=90% 15/16=85%

Sincerely,

Jeff Hartel
Superintendent of Schools

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