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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 the Swan Valley School District and our schools. 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 Superintendent, Mat McRae, for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/84MVo5> 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

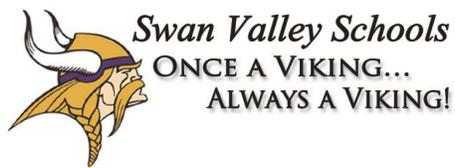
- Identifies teacher qualifications at district and school levels
- Reports percentage of core academic classes taught by teachers not considered highly qualified to teach such classes

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

For the 2015-2016 school year, we are very proud that our students met or exceeded the State Proficiency in seventeen of the twenty tested areas across all grades. In fifteen of those areas, we ranked in the "top five" within Saginaw County and we led the county in

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seventh and eighth grade mathematics scores. In addition, Swan Valley Middle School was named a Reward School by the Michigan Department of Education and Swan Valley High School was declared an Academic State Champion by Bridge Magazine (<http://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/bridge-magazines-2017-academic-state-champs>)

The Swan Valley School District is proud of its high graduation rates and the variety of individualized learning opportunities offered. Our community impact is not limited to the kindergarten-twelfth grade system. We offer a quality preschool and before school/after school program with the Swan Valley Learning Center and our Adult Education Program is thriving.

We are thankful for the support of the Swan Valley Community. We promise to show that appreciation by working diligently to help our students become twenty first century learners. Swan Valley Schools is honored to be the only district in the county with a 1:1 iPad initiative and our teachers are committed to differentiated learning that meets the needs of today's youth. The long-standing success of our school district and our "tradition of excellence" is result of a community that values education. We pledge to continue this tradition!

Sincerely,

Mat McRae