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## **Indian Woods Elementary 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 2014-15 educational progress for Indian Woods Elementary 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 Cheryl Rogers, Principal, for assistance.

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

A key challenge for Indian Woods Elementary for the 2015/2016 school year has been providing additional support for students in need of extensive Math intervention. This has been addressed by staff training in 8 Mathematical Practices and in Math Expression Intervention Procedures. Small group and individual support was provided by classroom teachers, by Intervention Specialists, and by Itinerant teachers.

State law requires that we also report the following additional information.

### **Pupil Assignment Process for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 School Years**

Students in the Port Huron Area School District are assigned and enrolled as follows:

Students are assigned to schools based on outlined attendance areas. Kindergarten through 5th grades are assigned to one of our 10 elementary schools - Cleveland, Crull, Edison, Garfield, Indian Woods, Keewahdin, Kimball, Michigamme, Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson. Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are similarly divided among Central Middle School, Fort Gratiot Middle School and Holland Woods Middle school. Port Huron High School and Port Huron Northern High School serve students in grades 9 through 12.

Port Huron Area School District has a Michigan Great Start School Readiness Program grant funded pre-school instruction for early childhood students in several elementary buildings. The district also supports an Early Childhood Special Education program for qualified 3-5 year olds. Students in pre-Kindergarten programs are assigned based on enrollment in each program based classroom.

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The Port Huron Area School District has a policy and process in place for both in- district and county/contiguous Schools of Choice requests. Copies of the policy and procedures are available on the district website (<http://www.phasd.us/district/enrollment>), at each school, and at the administration building.

### **Specialized Schools and Alternative Education**

- Harrison Center offers an alternative high school program, credit recovery, adult education, and an Education Continuity Program for expelled students.
- St. Clair TEC offers countywide career and technical training to high school students.
- Woodland Developmental Center serves students with severe learning disabilities to age 26.

### **Status of Our School Improvement Plan (3-5 Year Plan)**

Indian Woods Elementary's School Improvement Plan is aligned with the Port Huron Schools' District School Improvement Plan. Guided Reading, Eight Mathematical Practices, and Positive Behavior Supports have been areas of focus this year. Moving forward, staff will be trained and will utilize Eight Practices of Science and Technology.

Work on Goals continues with strategies and activities being addressed according to student data. Our Student Support process has been updated to maximize instructional time for students in need of academic and/or behavioral support.

### **Core Curriculum 2014-15 and 2015-16 Academic Years**

The core academic curriculum is the foundation of the Port Huron Area School District's instructional program. It defines the outcomes to be achieved by all students and is based on the District's educational mission and goals. The District's purpose is to enable students to meet or exceed state requirements for achievement, with an ongoing emphasis that encourages academic excellence for all students.

Our curriculum is based on the [Michigan Academic Standards](#) approved by the State Board of Education. As part of the core instruction, curriculum is aligned and written to support the implementation of the state expectations. It has been developed and written by Port Huron Area School District teachers, administrators and consultants who specialize in curriculum development. Curriculum for the core courses is reviewed annually. Revisions and adjustments are made as needed in order to ensure appropriate alignment and pacing. You may contact your child's school or the Instructional Services Department to review a copy of the core curriculum for a particular grade.

A balanced assessment system is also a core part of the curriculum. Assessments are given in the core curriculum to monitor student progress toward grade level

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expectations. Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing from NWEA provides a measure of student growth in reading, grammar, and math as well as tools with which to support classrooms and individual students.

**Aggregate Student Achievement Results for Local Assessment:  
NWEA MAP-NorthWest Evaluation Association Measures of Progress**

Port Huron Area Schools uses the NorthWest Evaluation (NWEA) Measures of Progress (MAP) to assess student growth in Reading, Language, and Math. MAP is an online, adaptive assessment which provides nationally normed data about student performance and growth. Results for this assessment may be viewed using the links provided below.

[District Fall 2015 - Winter 2016](#)  
[District Fall 2014 - Spring 2015](#)  
[District Fall 2013 - Spring 2014](#)

[School Fall 2015 - Winter 2016](#)  
[School Fall 2014 - Spring 2015](#)  
[School Fall 2013 - Spring 2014](#)

**Parent-teacher conference rate**

2014–15     97%  
2015–16     97%

Indian Woods' students, staff, and parents have taken positive measures to provide successful experiences that motivate and prepare students for a successful future. Students are continually taking more responsibility for their own learning through personal goal-setting. They report their progress to their parents through student led conferences and ongoing communications themselves. Teachers have created partnerships with families through increased use of technology, and with joint efforts, students are receiving an education that is more rigorous and relevant. This has positively affected climate and allowed staff to further accommodate the needs of all learners by offering them an education that is individualized to their academic and social needs. Congratulations to our Indian Woods family for a successful 2015-16 school year!

Sincerely,

Cheryl Rogers  
Principal, Indian Woods Elementary School

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