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Westwood Cyber High 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 Westwood Cyber High 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, ChaVonne McGowan for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website <http://westwoodcyber.com>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

Westwood Cyber High School was created to meet the needs of high school students who have been unsuccessful in a traditional environment. We are a 100% online school with access to an onsite-tutoring lab and our courses are project based and are taught by state certified teachers not a computer program.

For the 2016-17 year, no new Priority or Focus schools were named; some Priority or Focus schools did exit their status because they met the exit criteria. New Reward schools were identified using school rankings and Beating the Odds information. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap between the highest and lowest achieving 30% of schools. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Reward school is one that has achieved one or more of the following distinctions: top 5% of schools on the Top-to-Bottom School Rankings, top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement (improvement metric), or "Beating the Odds" by outperforming the school's predicted ranking and/or similar schools. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases no label is given. Our school was identified and not given one of the above labels.

Currently, Westwood Cyber High School's key challenge is student engagement. We have implemented progress reporting and report card distribution via mail and access through parent/student MISTAR portals, Google hangouts to ensure online classroom participation, a school social worker to assist with student's academic barriers, math workshops, Robo calls and Remind 101 communication tools to aid in communicating effectively with parents/students and a peer student activity group to encourage student engagement.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. Westwood Cyber High School is part of the Westwood Community School district. Students from across the Wayne County area may register to attend our school during the school of choice window.
2. The school improvement plan is a part of a continuous cycle of improvement. We are not a traditional school and would welcome participation by any interested student and community members.
3. Westwood Cyber High School serves pupils 9th- 12th grade students up to 22 based on the Student Aid Act who are at risk of dropping out. We offer options for students who are unable to attend traditional school for a variety of reasons.
4. Westwood Cyber High School's curriculum is aligned with the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC). The curriculum is project based and is not a computer-based program. If you would like further information regarding this model, please contact Westwood Cyber High School.
5. Westwood Cyber High School services nontraditional students; the national normed achievement testing doesn't apply.
6. We do not have parent teacher conferences scheduled during the year. Although Project Managers lead and manage a cohort of students on a day-to day basis. Project Managers initiate conferences with all students and their parents by phone, office visit and/ or home visits throughout the school year.
7. Duel Enrollment / College Credits:
 - a. We have no students in postsecondary duel enrollment.
 - b. We have no courses for AP/IB.
 - c. We have no students enrolled in AP/IB programs.
 - d. We have no students who received scores toward college credits.

We believe all students can learn and deserve the opportunity to be successful in an environment that encourages their academic growth and social growth. We instill in our students that earning their high school diploma is a steppingstone to pursue their future goals.

Respectfully,

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