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Daly Elementary School

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Daly 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 2013-2014 educational progress for Daly 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 Leslie Simmons, Principal, for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://westwood.des.schooldesk.net/> or you may review a copy in our main office at your child's school.

The state has identified some schools with the status of Reward, Focus or Priority. A Reward school is one that is outperforming other schools in achievement, growth, or is performing better than other schools with a similar student population. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap in 30% of its student achievement scores. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. Daly Elementary has not been given one of these labels.

According to MEAP data for the 2013-14 school year as indicated in the AER data report, Daly Elementary School saw a decrease in student academic achievement in 4th and 5th grades in both math and reading. In an effort to increase student academic achievement and to close the gaps in achievement for all sub groups, Daly will implement the common core standards as outlined in Rubicon Atlas. We will continue to monitor student progress through the use of the NWEA Map Assessments. Daly will continue implementation of the Everyday Math program and the use of leveled reader. Daly will also continue to increasing the amount of instructional time for all students in math and reading.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Daly Elementary is a part of the Westwood Community School District which is a school of choice district. Students from across Wayne County may register to attend Daly Elementary School.

2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The school improvement plan is a part of a continuous cycle of improvement. Daly began full implementation of its school improvement plan in the Fall of 2013. A link to the plan is located at <http://westwood.des.schooldesk.net>. You may also get a copy in the main office of the school.

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3. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DALY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Daly Elementary School is a comprehensive elementary school that served students in Kindergarten through 6th grade during the 2013-14 school year. We also served Pre-Kindergarten students through a Great Start Readiness Program. Students received instruction in all of the core curriculum areas as well as instruction in physical and health education, music and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). Students also received core curriculum instruction via field trips.

4. HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE'S MODEL

The core curriculum at Daly Elementary School has been aligned with the Grade Level Content Expectations developed by the State of Michigan for Kindergarten through 6th grade and is aligned to the Common Core State Standards adopted by the State of Michigan. If you would like to access a copy, please contact Mrs. Leslie Simmons, Principal at 313-565-0016.

5. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

In the fall of 2013, Daly Elementary School will be utilizing data from locally developed unit assessments as well as nationally normed achievement assessment data from the NWEA MAP Assessments. Students at Daly saw improvements in reading and math on the NWEA from the fall of 2013 to the spring of 2014, however, students showed a decline in achievement on MEAP taken by students in the fall of 2013.

6. IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

In the Fall of 2013, 51% of the students were represented by a parent/guardian at Parent-Teacher conferences. In the Spring of 2014, 10% of the students were represented by a parent/guardian at Parent Teacher Conferences.

This Annual Education Report gives us insight into what our students need to be successful. The staff members at Daly Elementary School work hard to enhance the educational programs provided to the students. Parents and community members can become involved in making Daly Elementary School a better place by signing up to be a part of the School Improvement Team, joining our Parent Group (PEACE), attending parenting and student learning workshops, and volunteering in the school on a regular basis. Please contact the building principal for more information.

Sincerely,

Leslie D. Simmons

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