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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 2016-17 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 Melanie Depray Learst for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.westwoodcyber.com or you may review a copy in the main office at the school.

For the 2016-17 school year, schools were identified using new definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has three or more underperforming student subgroups. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school was not identified and no label was given.

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.

Currently, Westwood Cyber High School's key challenge is student engagement. WE have implemented progress reporting and report card distribution via mail. We provide parents and students access to online gradebooks. Each teacher has a cohort of students that they email and

check in with weekly to ensure students are making progress and have a key teacher point of contact. We also have a part time social worker to assist with other student needs that arise.

State law requires that we also report additional information:

1. Westwood Cyber High School is a part of the Westwood Community School district. Students from across Wayne County may register to attend during the school of choice window. We also have a partnership with Crestwood and Annapolis High Schools who can enroll their students at any time during the school year.
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 or community members.
3. Westwood Cyber High School serves 9th-12th grade students up to age 22, based on the Student Aid Act who are at risk of dropping out. We offer options for students who are unable to attend a traditional school for a variety of reasons.
4. Westwood Cyber High School's Curriculum is aligned with the Michigan Merit Curriculum.. The curriculum is project based program. If you would like further information regarding this model, please contact Westwood Cyber High School.
5. Westwood Cyber High School serves non-traditional students; the national normed achievement testing does not apply.
6. We do not have parent-teacher conferences scheduled during the year. 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 via phone, email, office visits and sometimes home visits throughout the school year.
7. Dual Enrollment/College Credits:
 - a. We have no students in postsecondary dual enrollment
 - b. We do not offer AP or IB courses
 - c. We do not have any students enrolled in AP or IB courses
 - d. We do not have students earning credit in any courses towards college credit.

We believe that all students can learn given the appropriate environment in which they can be successful. We instill in our students that earning their high school diploma is a stepping stone to pursue their future goals and that it is never too late to finish.

Sincerely,

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