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District 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 2018-19 educational progress for the Homer Community 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 Mr. Scott Salow or Director of Instructional Services Mrs. JoEllen O'Keefe for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://bit.ly/2HeKjIj> 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 four assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), College Board PSAT, MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT. This report section presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and MI-Access 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 – Detail Data and Status

The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability index values showing school performance on a 0-100 scale.

Teacher Qualification Data

- Identifies the number and percentage of inexperienced teachers, principals, and other school leaders
- Reports teachers who are teaching with emergency or provisional credentials
- Includes teachers who are not teaching in the subject or field for which they are certified

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

Civil Rights Data

- Provides information on school quality, climate and safety

Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2018-19 school year, schools were identified using 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 a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no status label is given.

School Name	Status Label	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement
Homer High School	No label given	The implementation of a college/career readiness course, afterschool tutoring and academic support programs, and Trojan Learning Communities (TLC), teacher/student mentoring small groups
Homer Middle School	No label given	Support from Academic Paraprofessionals, one in each grade level, and one additional to help strengthen tier II instruction and an afterschool targeted math program called 2+2=Success
Lillian Fletcher Elementary	No label given	Reading coach support from the Calhoun Intermediate School District (CISD), a coach working with teachers and students to improve reading instruction and intervention, and continued work on curriculum mapping.

We are so proud of our students, staff, school and community. We continue our commitment to providing instructional programs and experiences that enable our students to become college and career ready, and to maximize their potential. We appreciate the continued love and support of all of our school stakeholders. Thank you for being "ALL IN" for our school. Through the outstanding work of our building and district school improvement teams, we continue to review areas of opportunity to ensure that we remain "The Destination for Excellence." We strongly encourage our parents to be active participants in the education of their students. Working together, we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

Scott Salow
Homer Community Schools Superintendent

