



Vanderbilt Area School

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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 Vanderbilt Area School. 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 me for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site: <https://goo.gl/oGs35x>, or you may review a copy in the main office at school.

These reports contain the following information:

Student Assessment Data – Includes the following three assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT. Presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and 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 Scorecard – Detail Data and Status

The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability scorecard status.

Teacher Qualification Data

- Identifies teacher qualifications at district and school levels
- Reports percentage of core academic classes taught by teachers not considered highly qualified to teach such classes

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

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Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2016-17 year, VAS did exit its status as a Priority School because the school met the exit criteria. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state.

School Name	Status Label	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement
Vanderbilt Area School	Priority School	Blueprint Model

Thank you for your interest in our little school as well as your continued support. During the past year, VAS has made incredible strides. We were able to exit our status as a Priority School as well as come close to eliminating our deficit. Vanderbilt Area School is rebuilding its culture and bringing the Yellow and Black Back!

Sincerely,

Richard C. Heitmeyer
Superintendent/Principal



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