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MacGowan 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 2011-2012 educational progress for MacGowan School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Kathleen Robbins, the principal at 313-242-3801.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.redfordu.k12.mi.us or you may review a copy at the McGowan School's office.

Top to Bottom Ranking – Detail Data and Status
Information used to rank schools is based on the development of the Top to Bottom list of schools and their performance. Each school's Top to Bottom ranking will be based on student achievement, student growth over time, school improvement over time and achievement gaps across all five tested subjects (mathematics, reading, science, social studies and writing).

All kindergarten and first grade students who reside in the Redford Union District attend McGowan Elementary School. We will be accepting a limited number of schools of choice students this year. The students are too young to take the MEAP therefore MacGowan School does not have an AYP or grade status assigned to it. It is the mission of the MacGowan staff to provide a strong literacy and numeracy foundation for the students in order for them to achieve success on the MEAP and in school in future years.

1. All students who are kindergarten and first grade age residing in the school district are assigned to MacGowan Elementary School. MacGowan also has a Great Start Readiness program (GSRP). The students are selected for the GSRP based on the Michigan Department of Education guidelines.
2. MacGowan School is a school wide Title 1 building and involved in a process of continuous improvement. We are dedicated to increasing the percentage

of students who are at or above grade level in literacy and numeracy skills. We focus all our efforts and resources on this goal. We are dedicated to building the foundation for learning success for our students. The school improvement plan is posted on our web site.

3. MacGowan Elementary has the kindergarten and first grade age center program for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder and students with Hearing Impairments. We also have the preschool special education program at MacGowan starting this school year. Students are identified for these special education programs based on special education rules and regulations.
4. Redford Union has purchased Kent County's on-line Curriculum Crafter which is continually updated to the state model. All teachers will be trained in its use in September. Parents can access a copy of it in the school office.
5. Aggregate Student Achievement Data:

DRA/MLPP Assessment Test Item Analysis

Year	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
First Grade	% students at or above grade level					
Reading	59%	64%	64%	57%	49%	53%
Writing	32%	35%	36%	55%	53%	57%
Kindergarten						
Writing	50%	51%	64%	34%	75%	73%
Letter ID	75%	84%	93%	91%	89%	84%
Letter Sounds	73%	73%	86%	83%	70%	74%

Fluharty Language Screening

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Above Average	5%	6%	8%	8%
Average	60.70%	64%	50%	65%
Below Average	34.10%	31%	41%	27%

Math Essential Skills Inventory Test Item Analysis

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Kindergarten				
Identifies basic shapes	81%	81%	94%	89%
Draws basic shapes		60%	89%	74%
Counts to 100	42%	42%	60%	48%
One-to-one correspondence to 30	56%	75%	76%	77%
Recognizes number groups (2-6)		76%	40%	28%
First Grade				
Counts objects to 100	78%	79%	93%	90%
Replicates visual movement patterns	83%	93%	97%	90%
Recognizes number groups (2-10)	75%	53%	77%	69%
Understands concept of add or take away	64%	88%	62%	75%
Shows a group of objects by number	70%	74%	76%	65%

% of students who have mastered all essential math skill

Year	2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Kindergarten	59	40%	47	32%	44	35%	37	23%
First Grade	62	34%	67	37%	88	51%	76	49%

6. 360 out of 399 parents attended fall parent teacher conferences which is 90%.

MacGowan Elementary staff will continue with their commitment to provide every student with the developmentally appropriate educational experiences needed to achieve success. We recognize the importance of parent involvement in their student's education and will strive to build a partnership between parents and staff in order to help each child succeed.

Sincerely,
Kathleen A. Robbins
Principal, Elementary School