



Holton Public Schools

Holton Public Schools Annual Education Report 2010-2011

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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 2010-2011 educational progress for the Holton Public School District. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws; however, our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Ann M. Cardon, Superintendent, for help if you need assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site www.holtonschools.com or you may review a copy at the administration building.

The report contains the following information:

Student Assessment Data– Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), Michigan Merit Exam (MME), and Michigan’s Alternative Assessment Program (MI-Access)

- Presents achievement data for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 (MEAP), for grade 11 (MME) and science for grades 5 and 8 compared to targets for all students as well as subgroups of students
- Provides achievement data for English language arts, mathematics and science for students with significant disabilities (MI-Access) compared to targets for all students with disabilities as well as subgroups of students
- Helps readers understand achievement progress within schools and compare these to district and state achievement

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Provides information from assessments, graduation and attendance rates and AYP status in relation to four criteria:

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- The district must attain achievement goals for each subgroup that has at least 30 students in the group
- The district must meet or exceed the other academic indicators set by the state: graduation rate for high schools and attendance rate for elementary and middle schools

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- Reports percentage of core academic classes taught by teachers not considered highly qualified to teach such classes

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For 2010-2011, Holton Public School District made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics; however, all schools in the district did not make AYP. Below you will find a list of the schools not making AYP, the reasons for not making AYP and a summary of the actions underway to improve. The principal has a letter and school specific AER that will help answer your questions. These are also posted on the district and school web sites.

| School Name | Reason(s) for not making AYP | Key actions underway to address the Issues |
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| Holton Middle School | Target achievement goals were not met in English language arts. | Literacy will be a focus across the curriculum. |

Throughout the 2010-2011 school year, the Board of Education continued to make a commitment to improve the quality of educational services offered by our District. Our highly qualified staff members continue to strive to implement the most current aligned curriculum, assessment methods and teaching strategies to enhance learning opportunities for our students.

Holton Public Schools has a proud past and a promising future. We are about children. When you are looking for a safe, caring and quality educational opportunity, in a small school environment, look no further than Holton Public Schools. We provide the very finest in Michigan.

Sincerely,

Ann Cardon, Superintendent