

Annual Education Report (AER)

## **Gier Elementary School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter**

**August 23, 2011**

**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 Gier Elementary 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 Gier Elementary School for assistance.**

**The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [www.hillsdaleschools.org](http://www.hillsdaleschools.org) or you may review a copy from the Gier Elementary School office at your child's school.**

**For 2010-2011, Gier Elementary School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics. While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, we are continuously working to improve. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.**

**State law requires that we also report additional information.**

### **1. PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL**

Hillsdale Community Schools has arranged its buildings by grade level groupings. Beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, all kindergarten through second grade students in the district were enrolled in Gier Elementary School.

**2. THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Gier Elementary School is accredited through AdvancEd. Gier Elementary School has an active school improvement plan which was reviewed and accredited during the 2009-2010 school year by AdvancEd and was updated for the 2010-2011 school year.

**3. IDENTIFY HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM, A DESCRIPTION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE VARIANCES FROM THE STATE'S MODEL**

All parents are provided of the written copy of the core curriculum annually at a special event for parents. Parents that are not able to attend that event are provided with a written copy of the core curriculum. Additional copies may be obtained by contacting the school office. The curriculum is implemented on a daily basis by classroom teachers. There are common assessments administered to all students at the beginning, middle and end of each year to assess students' progress and achievement in the curriculum. The core curriculum is fully aligned with the state's model using the Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCE's). The curriculum is reviewed and updated on a five year cycle.

**4. THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHEIVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY  
LOCAL COMPENTENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED  
ACHIEVEMENT TESTS**

<b>Name and Type of Measurement Instrument</b>	<b>Grade level Assessed</b>	<b>Subject Area Assessed</b>
Development Reading Assessment (DRA)	K, 1, 2	Reading (reading accuracy, comprehension)
Michigan Literacy Progress Profile (MLPP)	K, 1,2	Language Arts Skills (phonics, phonemic awareness, concepts about print, fluency, vocabulary)
Local Common Grade Level Assessments	K, 1, 2	Writing / Science / Social Studies

**Year:2010-2011**

			<b>% of Population Demonstrating Proficiency of GLCE/HSCE*</b>				
<b>Grade</b>		<b>Avg. class size</b>	<b>% HQ Teachers</b>	<b>ELA</b>		<b>Math</b>	
				<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
K		21	100	93	91	84	82%
1		25	100	98	89	107	92
2		24	100	93	94	102	96

**Year:2009-2010**

				<b>% of Population Demonstrating Proficiency of GLCE/HSCE*</b>			
Grade		Avg. class size	% HQ Teachers	ELA		Math	
				#	%	#	%
1		23	100	89	75	103	87
2		24	100	115	85	112	82

**5. IDENTIFY THE STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

School	Parent Conference Attendance									
	Year 1 2006- 2007		Year 2 2007- 2008		Year 3 2008- 2009		Year 4 2009- 2010		Year 5 2010- 2011	
		%		%		%		%		%
<b>Gier Elementary School</b>		<b>94</b>		<b>95</b>		<b>95</b>		<b>82</b>		<b>92</b>

**Thank you for taking time to read this cover letter and the annual education report that has been prepared for you. Great things happen at our school each day for children. The staff is dedicated to assisting you in the growth and development of your children. With our mutual support, the children of the Hillsdale community will achieve greatness.**

**Sincerely,**

**Mrs. Laurie VanOrman**  
**Principal**