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Bellaire Public Schools 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 2016-17 educational progress for the Bellaire Public Schools. The 2018 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 the district office for help if you need assistance.

The DISTRICT AER data is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following link <http://bit.ly/2lc53rf> , 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 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 – 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 teacher qualifications at district and school levels
- Reports percentage of core academic classes taught by teachers not considered highly qualified to teach such classes

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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 (Bellaire Public Schools was not selected to participate in this assessment)

For the 2016-17 school year, schools were identified using new 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 three or more underperforming student subgroups. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no status label is given.

Bellaire Public Schools was not identified with any status label for 2016-17. However, Bellaire High School was named a "Bronze Medal Winner" by U.S. News and World Reports as one of the nation's top high schools due to assessment scores, graduation rate, attendance rate, and number of students entering college.

Bellaire Public Schools has a reputation for being an outstanding school system with dedicated students, staff and parents. The Board of Education, along with the administration, staff, and community are committed to providing the best education possible for our students. "The mission of the Bellaire School Community is to provide an environment which develops self-sufficient and productive citizens that can adapt to a challenging and changing world". This is a belief that shapes what we do for our children on a daily basis. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

James R. Emery
Superintendent
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